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SECOND NIGHT LEAD POWERS A40
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MOSCOW, AUG. 18 (AP)-THE ESPIONAGE TRIAL OF FRANCIS GARY POWERS RESUMED TODAY WITH THE SOVIET PROSECUTION EXPECTED TO PRESS ITS EFFORTS TO SHOW HIS U2 FLIGHT WAS PART OF A U.S. POLICY CARRYING THE RISK OF WAR.

THE SECOND DAY OF THE TRIAL GOT UNDER WAY PROMPTLY AT 10 A.M.

THE PILOT'S MOTHER, MRS. IDA FORD POWERS STAYED IN HER HOTEL ROOM AND DID NOT ACCOMPANY HER HUSBAND, OLIVER W. POWERS OF POUND, VA., AND THE FLIER'S WIFE, BARBARA, TO THE HEARING IN THE WHITE MARBLE HALL OF COLUMNS OF THE TRADE UNION BUILDING.

MRS. POWERS TOLD REPORTERS, "MY PRESENCE MIGHT DISTURB MY SON." SHE SUFFERS FROM HEART TROUBLE BUT SAID SHE FELT FINE.

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AS THE SECOND DAY OF THE TRIAL BEGAN, POWERS RESUMED HIS TESTIMONY UNDER THE QUESTIONING OF HIS SOVIET DEFENSE ATTORNEY, MIKHAIL I. GRINIOV.

IN A CLEAR, FIRM VOICE, THE AMERICAN SAID HE FIRST LEARNED HE MIGHT HAVE TO FLY OVER THE SOVIET UNION SIX OR SEVEN MONTHS AFTER HE BEGAN FLYING FOR THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

PROSECUTOR ROMAN RUDENKO'S FIRST QUESTIONS OF THE DAY WERE AIMED AT INVOLVING PAKISTAN IN RESPONSIBILITY FOR POWERS' ILL-FATED FLIGHT, WHICH ORIGINATED MAY 1 FROM PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN. THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT HAS DENIED KNOWING THAT U.S. FLIGHTS OVER SOVIET TERRITORY WERE BEING MADE FROM BASES IN PAKISTAN.

TO A SERIES OF PROSECUTION QUESTIONS, POWERS AGREED THAT PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES MUST HAVE KNOWN THAT HIS U2 PLANE WAS TO OPERATE FROM THE PESHAWAR BASE. BUT HE DENIED ANY PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF WHETHER SUCH AUTHORITY HAD BEEN GIVEN.

"DID PAKISTAN GIVE YOU AUTHORITY TO FLY OVER THE SOVIET UNION?" THE PROSECUTOR ASKED.

"THEY DIDN'T GIVE IT TO ME PERSONALLY," POWERS REPLIED.

THE FIRST DAY'S SESSION ENDED WITH POWERS' PERSONAL STORY IN THE RECORD. TO THE MILITARY COURT HE PORTRAYED HIMSELF AS A PENITENT SPY SCARED AND REPELLED BY THE IDEA OF HIS HIGH ALTITUDE FLIGHT OVER SOVIET TERRITORY.

FURTHER QUESTIONING OF POWERS IS POSSIBLE TODAY, AND OTHER WITNESSES MAY BE CALLED TO BACKGROUND OR BOLSTER THE BROAD SOVIET INDICTMENT WHICH CALLS THE U2 FLIGHT PART OF A CALCULATED U.S. POLICY.

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THIS INDICTMENT CITES STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON AND SECRETARY OF STATE CHRISTIAN A. HERTER AFTER THE FLIGHT WAS FIRST EXPOSED. THESE STATEMENTS, THE INDICTMENT CHARGES, CONFIRMED THE EXISTENCE OF HOSTILE ACTIVITIES BY THE UNITED STATES, "EXPRESSED IN REPEATED INCURSIONS BY UNITED STATES PLANES INTO THE AIR SPACE OF THE U.S.S.R. FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES."

THE INDICTMENT SAYS THE POWERS FLIGHT MIGHT HAVE HAD GRAVE CONSEQUENCES--"THERE IS NOTHING TO GUARANTEE THAT ANY SUCH PLANE APPEARING OVER SOVIET TERRITORY DOES NOT HAVE A DEADLY LOAD."

OPENING HOURS OF THE TRIAL GAVE A HINT OF SOVIET INTENTIONS TO SEPARATE POWERS PERSONALLY FROM U.S. ADMINISTRATION POLICY.

THE PROSECUTION DREW FROM POWERS THE OBSERVATION THAT HIS BUSINESS WAS FLYING, NOT SPYING.

THE HANDSOME AMERICAN FLIER PLEADED GUILTY TO PILOTING THE JET AND MANIPULATING ITS INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING EQUIPMENT. BUT THESE THINGS WERE DONE UNDER UNBREAKABLE ORDERS, HE TESTIFIED, AND HE KNEW NOTHING OF THE SECRET ASPECTS OF HIS JOB BEYOND BEING ABLE TO GUESS ITS ESPIONAGE PURPOSE.

POWERS WAS ARRAIGNED ON HIS 31ST BIRTHDAY IN A BRILLIANT GLARE OF WORLD PUBLICITY BEFORE THE MILITARY SECTION OF THE SOVIET SUPREME COURT.

THE ESPIONAGE CHARGES AGAINST HIM ARE PUNISHABLE BY A 7-15 YEAR PRISON TERM OR DEATH BUT AS THE QUESTIONING PROGRESSED THE DEATH SENTENCE SEEMED A MORE AND MORE UNLIKELY OUTCOME.

THE GENERAL PROSECUTOR, ROMAN A. RUDENKO, AND THE APPOINTED DEFENSE COUNSEL, MIKHAIL I. GRINIOV, SEEMED TO BE TRYING TO PICTURE POWERS AS A YOUNG MAN EXPLOITED BY HIS GOVERNMENT FOR PURPOSES OF INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE. SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THEY CONSIDER U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IS ON TRIAL WITH POWERS.

(IN WASHINGTON PRESIDENT EISENHOWER INDIGNANTLY REJECTED THE IDEA THAT THE UNITED STATES IS ON TRIAL. THE PRESIDENT ALSO PROTESTED SOVIET REFUSAL TO PERMIT ANY U.S. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO SEE POWERS DURING THE 117 DAYS OF HIS CONFINEMENT. HE SAID, HOWEVER, HE HAD SEEN NO INDICATION THAT POWERS HAD BEEN BRAINWASHED).

POWERS TESTIFIED HE HAD HEARD THAT AS A DIRECT RESULT OF HIS FLIGHT THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN PARIS FAILED TO MATERIALIZE IN MID-MAY AND THE INVITATION TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION WAS CANCELED.

"I SUPPOSE IT (THE FLIGHT) INCREASED TENSION IN THE WORLD," THE FLIER SAID. "I AM SINCERELY SORRY I HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT."

LOOKING ON IN THE ORNATE HALL OF COLUMNS WERE THE FLIER'S WIFE, BARBARA, AND HIS PARENTS, MR. AND MRS.OLIVER W.POWERS OF POUND, VA., ANXIETY AND GRIEF SHOWING IN THEIR FACES AS THEY TENSELY WATCHED THE PROCEEDINGS.

A BATTERY OF SOVIET SCIENTIFIC WITNESSES WAS ON HAND. SO WERE MANY MEMBERS OF MOSCOW'S DIPLOMATIC COLONY, MORE THAN 250 SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS AND FOREIGN NEWSMEN FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD. SOVIET TELEVISION, MOTION PICTURE AND STILL CAMERAMEN WORKED INCESSANTLY UNDER BRILLIANT LIGHTS IN THE GLITTERING, MIRRORED OLD HALL ONCE THE SCENE OF GAY CZARIST GATHERINGS AND LATER OF THE GRIM STALINIST PURGE TRIALS OF THE 1930S.

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POWERS TOLD OF HIS HARD WORK GETTING THROUGH COLLEGE, OF HIS WORKING FAMILY BACKGROUND, AND THEN HIS GRAB FOR A SECRET U.S. GOVERNMENT JOB PAYING HIM $30,000 A YEAR. HE SAID THIS WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS HE WOULD HAVE RECEIVED AS FIRST PILOT FOR A U.S. COMMERCIAL AIR LINE IF HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO LINE UP SUCH WORK, AS HE HAD WANTED AFTER GETTING OUT OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE.

"I FELT VERY LUCKY TO GET SUCH A JOB," HE SAID.

THAT WAS THE JOB THAT SENT HIM HIGH ABOVE THE SOVIET UNION'S CLOUD CEILING MAY 1, ONLY TO FIND HIMSELF PARACHUTING LITTLE MORE THAN TWO HOURS LATER INTO AN INTERNATIONAL CRISIS.

HE INSISTED HE CONSIDERED HIMSELF JUST A PILOT, NOT EVEN KNOWING WHETHER THE U2 FLIGHT, HIS FIRST OVER SOVIET TERRITORY, WAS UNDER MILITARY AUSPICES.

HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY A COLONEL NAMED SHELTON, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS COMMANDER OF THE 10-10 RECONNAISSANCE GROUP POWERS BELONGED TO, THAT A FLIGHT OVER THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE "ABSOLUTELY SAFE." SIMILAR HIGH ALTITUDE PLANES HAD BEEN MAKING FLIGHTS OVER THE SOVIET UNION. (COL. WILLIAM SHELTON IS IDENTIFIED BY THE PENTAGON AS COMMANDER OF A WEATHER OBSERVATION SQUADRON AT ADANA, TURKEY, WHERE POWERS WAS BASED).

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POWERS CONCEDED HE HAD BEEN UNEASY ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT.

"I DIDN'T LIKE THE IDEA OF THE FLIGHT," HE SAID. "I WAS VERY NERVOUS AND TENSE. IT IS HARD TO EXPLAIN, BUT I WAS SCARED."

"WHAT WERE YOU SCARED OF?" DEMANDED PROSECUTOR RUDENKO, A VETERAN OF THE POSTWAR NAZI WAR CRIMES TRIALS AT NUERNBERG.

"JUST THE IDEA OF BEING OVER THE SOVIET UNION," THE FLIER

RESPONDED. A RIPPLE OF LAUGHTER SWEPT THROUGH THE 1,500 SPECTATORS.

BUT THE PROSECUTOR'S QUESTIONS DID NOT PRESS HEAVILY ON THE QUESTION OF POWERS' DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF HIS MISSION. THIS FORTIFIED THE IMPRESSION AMONG WESTERN SPECTATORS THAT THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES WERE INTENT UPON PLACING PRIME RESPONSIBILITY UPON POWERS SUPERIORS.

MILD-MANNERED DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRINIOV, ALSO A VETERAN OF THE NUERNBERG TRIALS PROSECUTION, LED POWERS THROUGH QUESTIONING TESTIFYING TO HIS FAMILY BACKGROUND, THE FATHER'S HARD WORK AS THE OWNER OF A COBBLER SHOP, THE WORKING CLASS STATUS OF RELATIVES.

SINCE THIS TESTIMONY WAS TO BE PUBLISHED VERBATIM IN THE SOVIET PRESS, INDICATIONS WERE THAT THE AUTHORITIES HAD LITTLE OBJECTION TO A FAVORABLE PUBLIC IMPRESSION OF POWERS HIMSELF. PREVIOUS PRESS AND RADIO BARRAGES CALLED HIM A DANGEROUS "ARCH-SPY" BUT THE MAIN TARGET IN THIS HAD BEEN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. THE MOSCOW RADIO NOW IS DEPICTING HIM AS A TOOL OF U.S. MONEYED INTERESTS INTENT ON WAR.

BY THE TIME THE FIRST DAY'S SESSION ENDED, POWERS' RELATIVES EVIDENTLY HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT HE HAD COME OFF FAIRLY WELL. HIS FATHER COMMENTED:

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"THAT'S MY BOY, RIGHT DOWN THE LINE. EVERY WORD WAS HIS. HIS MOTHER THOUGHT HE HAD LOST SOME WEIGHT, BUT HE LOOKED NORMAL OTHERWISE."

THE FLIER'S WIFE, WHOSE EYES NEVER SEEMED TO LEAVE THE WITNESS BOX WHILE HE TESTIFIED, SEEMED EXHAUSTED BY THE STRAIN. A VIRGINIA ATTORNEY ADVISING HER, ALEXANDER W. PARKER, SAID SHE SEEMED PLEASED BY POWERS' PERFORMANCE BUT COULD NOT EVALUATE IT, NOR COULD SHE GUESS WHETHER HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN BRAINWASHED. IF HE HAD, SAID PARKER, "THEY DID AN EXCELLENT JOB OF IT, BECAUSE WE ARE CONVINCED THE BOY WAS TELLING THE TRUTH, OR THOUGHT HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH."

POWERS CONSTANTLY TRIED TO SEEK OUT HIS FAMILY, BUT THE GLARE OF THE LIGHTS PROBABLY PREVENTED HIM FROM SEEING THEM. HE GOT A GLIMPSE OF HIS WIFE AT THE END OF THE LUNCH BREAK, AND WAVED TO HER.

FOR MORE THAN FOUR HOURS THE KENTUCKY-BORN FLIER WAS UNDER QUESTIONING BY THE PROSECUTION. THE QUESTIONING WAS PERSISTENT BUT SPECTATORS WHO HAVE WATCHED AMERICAN COURTS COULD HARDLY CONSIDER IT A BROW-BEATING TYPE.

THE PROSECUTION HAS A DOUBLE AIM. ONE IS TO CONVICT POWERS, HARDLY AN EFFORT SINCE HE PLEADED GUILTY.

THE SECOND AIM IS BIGGER. THAT IS TO PROVE THAT UNITED STATES PLANES FLEW ALONG AND OVER THE BORDER OF THE SOVIET UNION WITH ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT TO SEARCH OUT AIRFIELDS, ROCKET BASES AND RADAR STATIONS.

THE ATMOSPHERE HARDLY COULD HAVE BEEN MORE DISMAL FROM POWER'S VIEWPOINT. HE WAS TRIED BEFORE THREE GENERALS, THE TOP ONE LT. GEN. VICTOR BORISOGLEBSKY. SOLDIERS STOOD GUARD AT HIS ELBOW. HIS TRIAL WAS IN A LANGUAGE STRANGE TO HIM AND HE GOT WHAT WAS GOING ON ONLY THROUGH TRANSLATORS.

CLOUDS HUNG HEAVILY OVER MOSCOW, SPEWING FLOODS OF RAIN THAT OVERRAN THE STREETS AND SENT GEYSERS OF WATER THROUGH OVERLOADED SEWAGE DRAINS.

IN A DARK BLUE CIVILIAN SUIT, POWERS SAT IN A LITTLE PEN ON THE STAGE, FACING THE WEIGHT OF THE SOVIET UNION.

THE THREE JUDGES IN GREY-GREEN GENERALS' UNIFORMS ASSURED HIM OF HIS RIGHT TO CHALLENGE ANYTHING HE DID NOT LIKE INCLUDING THE JUDGES THEMSELVES.

AT THE START THE 4,000 INDICTMENT, PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, WAS READ. BORISOGLEBSKY ASKED IF POWERS UNDERSTOOD THE CHARGES. POWERS STOOD UP IN THE DOCK, SEEMING SLIGHTLY NERVOUS BUT APPARENTLY IN GOOD HEALTH. IN A HIGH-PITCHED BUT CALM VOICE HE ANSWERED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. HIS HAIR WAS CREW CUT. BENEATH HIS LEFT JAW, JUST UNDER THE EAR, WAS A RED BLOTCH WHICH, HE WAS TO TESTIFY LATER ON, WAS A BIRTHMARK.

"DO YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU ARE GUILTY?" THE JUDGE ASKED POWERS.

"YES, I PLEAD GUILTY."

RUDENKO BEGAN A PAINSTAKING SERIES OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE U2 FLIGHT. POWERS CONFIRMED THAT IT BEGAN IN PRESHAWAR, PAKISTAN, WHERE HE HAD GONE FROM THE U.S. AIR BASE AT ADANA, TURKEY.

POWERS SAID HE SAW HIS PLANE EARLY ON THE MORNING OF THE ILL-FATED FLIGHT, BUT THE PROSECUTOR COULD NOT GET HIM TO SAY HE HAD SEEN IDENTIFICATION MARKS AND THAT SUCH MARKS LATER WERE PAINTED OUT.

POWERS ALSO INSISTED HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT U2 EQUIPMENT DISPLAYED ON THE STAGE.

"I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY OF THIS EQUIPMENT," THE FLIER SAID. "I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE EXCEPT FOR WHAT I HAVE SEEN HERE."

"YOU KNEW IT WAS DESIGNATED AS A SPY PLANE?" RUDENKO ASKED.

"I COULD SEE NO OTHER REASON FOR SUCH A FLIGHT," POWERS REPLIED.

"I THINK YOU DID NOT DOUBT IT WAS A SPY FLIGHT," RUDENKO REMARKED.

"NO, I DON'T THINK I DOUBTED IT," SAID POWERS. SPECTATORS TITTERED AT THIS. RUDENKO QUESTIONED HIM FURTHER ABOUT THE EQUIPMENT.

"I COULD PRETTY WELL GUESS THE PURPOSE," POWERS SAID, "BUT AS FAR AS BEING IN THE KNOW--NO. NOW THAT I HAVE SEEN SOME OF THE RESULTS, I HAVE A MUCH BETTER IDEA OF WHAT THE STUFF DOES THAN I DID BEFORE."

POWERS TESTIFIED THAT ALL HE DID WAS TO TURN ON DESIGNATED EQUIPMENT AT PLACES SPECIFIED ON MAPS HE CARRIED. HE ADMITTED TO MAKING CERTAIN VISUAL OBSERVATIONS AND TO MARKING AN AIRFIELD NOT DESIGNATED ON HIS CHARTS. SUCH ACTIVITY, HE SAID, "IS MORE OR LESS A HABIT WITH PILOTS."

POWERS TOLD OF FLYING AT 68,000 FEET OVER THE SOVIET UNION AS HIS FUEL BEGAN TO BURN OUT. HE WAS ASKED AS TO HIS INSTRUCTIONS IF HE COULD NOT FLY DIRECTLY TO BODOE, NORWAY.

"IT WAS INDICATED THAT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AN AIRFIELD OUTSIDE THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE BETTER THAN ANY AIRFIELD INSIDE IT," POWERS SAID.

WAS HIS FLIGHT AN "INTRUSION WITH SPY AIMS?" HE WAS ASKED.

"I SUPPOSE SO, YES," HE ANSWERED.

HIS PISTOL, HE TESTIFIED, WAS FOR HUNTING. A POISON NEEDLE, GIVEN HIM AT HIS BRIEFING IN PAKISTAN, WAS TO BE USED "IN CASE I WAS CAPTURED, TORTURED AND COULDN'T STAND THE TORTURE AND WOULD RATHER BE DEAD."

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"WERE YOU TORTURED?"

"NO."

"HOW WERE YOU TREATED?"

"I HAVE BEEN TREATED VERY NICE."

POWERS TESTIFIED IN A MONOTONE, FREQUENTLY WIPING HIS FOREHEAD AND MOUTH WITH A FOLDED WHITE HANDKERCHIEF. RUDENKO'S QUESTIONING LED HIM BACK TO 1956, WHEN HE CONTRACTED FOR HIS JOB AT $2,500 A MONTH, WITH $1,000 A MONTH WITHHELD UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT. HE SAID THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE CONTRACT ABOUT FLYING ALONG SOVIET FRONTIERS. HE TESTIFIED THE CONTRACT CONTAINED A CLAUSE PROVIDING IMPRISONMENT OR A FINE FOR DISCLOSING ANY OF ITS DETAILS.

COULD HE HAVE REFUSED TO MAKE THE FLIGHT?

"NO," POWERS ANSWERED. "I COULD NOT REFUSE. BY REFUSING I WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED A COWARD BY MY ASSOCIATES AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NONFULFILLMENT OF THE CONTRACT."

DEFENSE LAWYER GRINIOV, HIS WISPY BEARD GIVING HIM A SCHOLARLY, PROFESSORIAL LOOK, ASKED POWERS WHY HE HAD RENEWED HIS WORK CONTRACT. POWERS SAID HE HAD HESITATED, BUT HAD NOT HAD TIME TO FIND ANOTHER JOB.

"WHY WERE YOU SORRY YOU RENEWED YOUR CONTRACT?" GRINIOV ASKED.

"THE REASONS ARE HARD TO EXPLAIN," SAID POWERS. "THE WORK WAS STRENUOUS AND I HAD A FEELING--I CAN'T PUT IT INTO WORDS--I DIDN'T PARTICULARLY LIKE WHAT I WAS DOING."

"WHYARE YOU SORRY NOW?" GRINIOV ASKED.

"THE SITUATION I AM IN RIGHT NOW IS NOT TOO GOOD," POWERS REPLIED WITH A GRIMACE. "I HAVEN'T HEARD TOO MUCH OF THE NEWS OF THE WORLD SINCE I HAVE BEEN IN."

GRINIOV PRESENTED TO THE COURT PICTURES HE SAID HAD BEEN SUPPLIED BY POWERS' FAMILY, SHOWING HOW THE FLIER GREW UP, THE HOUSE WHERE HE HAD LIVED, HIS RELATIVES, AND OTHER MATERIAL APPARENTLY RELATING TO A WORKING CLASS BACKGROUND. THE COURT AGREED TO MAKE THE PICTURES PART OF THE TRIAL PROCEEDINGS.

AT ONE POINT IN THE QUESTIONING PROSECUTOR RUDENKO ATTEMPTED TO SHOW THAT SUCH FLIGHTS POSED A RISK OF NUCLEAR WAR.

RUDENKO ASKED POWERS WHETHER IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT BY THE TURNING OF A HANDLE AN ATOMIC BOMB COULD HAVE BEENRELEASED FROM THE U2.

POWERS REPLIED, HOWEVER, THAT THE U2 PLANE DID NOT CARRY BOMB RACKS.

POWERS ALSO WAS ASKED ABOUT ITALIAN, FRENCH AND OTHER CURRENCY HE CARRIED WITH HIM, INCLUDING GOLD COINS AND SOVIET MONEY. HE REPLIED THAT THIS WAS PART OF HIS EMERGENCY GEAR INTENDED TO HELP HIM ESCAPE IF THE NEED AROSE.

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SECOND LEAD POWERS (By Stanley Johnson)

MOSCOW, AUG. 17 (AP)-FRANCIS GARY POWERS TOLD A SOVIET MILITARY COURT TODAY THAT HE IS SORRY HE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIS U2 FLIGHT OVER THE SOVIET UNION.

POWERS PICTURED HIMSELF AS A $30,000-A-YEAR SPY WHO DISLIKED HIS JOB AND KNEW LITTLE IF ANYTHING ABOUT THE CAMERA AND RECORDING EQUIPMENT HIS PLANE WAS CARRYING ON ITS MAY 1 FLIGHT. HE SAID A SUPERIOR OFFICER HAD ASSURED HIM IT WAS SAFE TO FLY OVER THE SOVIET UNION.

AT THE OUTSET OF HIS TRIAL THE AMERICAN PILOT, 31 TODAY, PLEADED GUILTY.HE THEN UNDERWENT MORE THAN FOUR HOURS OF QUESTIONING BY SOVIET PROSECUTOR ROMAN A. RUDENKO BEFORE HE WAS TURNED OVER FOR QUIZZING BY THE SOVIET ATTORNEY ASSIGNED TO DEFEND HIM.

THIS ATTORNEY, MIKHAIL GRINIOV, BROUGHT OUT THAT POWERS WAS FROM A WORKING CLASS FAMILY. HE QUESTIONED THE PILOT ON HOW HE FELT ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF THE U2 INCIDENT.

POWERS TESTIFIED THAT HE HAD "HEARD THAT AS A DIRECT RESULT OF MY FLIGHT THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE DID NOT TAKE PLACE AND EISENHOWER'S VISIT WAS CANCELED".

"I SUPPOSE IT INCREASED TENSION IN THE WORLD," HE SAID.

"I AM SINCERELY SORRY I HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT."

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POWERS' GRIEF-STRICKEN WIFE AND PARENTS LOOKED ON AS HE TESTIFIED HE HAD NOT BEEN TORTURED BUT TREATED "VERY NICE" DURING 117 DAYS IN SOVIET CUSTODY.

POWERS IS BEING TRIED ON ESPIONAGE CHARGES. HE CAN BE SENTENCED TO 7-15 YEARS IN PRISON--OR TO DEATH. HIS TRIAL WILL RESUME TOMORROW BEFORE THE MILITARY SECTION OF THE SOVIET SUPREME COURT. IT IS TAKING PLACE BEFORE THE LIGHTS OF SOVIET TELEVISION CAMERAS IN THE HALL OF COLUMNS, SITE OF THE PURGE TRIALS OF THE 30S.

THE PROSECUTOR TRIED TO PROVE THAT POWERS KNEW OF THE ESPIONAGE NATURE OF HIS WORK.

"I WAS JUST A PILOT," INSISTED POWERS.

BUT HE ADMITTED AT ONE POINT THAT HE KNEW HIS FLIGHT HAD TO DO WITH GAINING INTELLIGENCE OF THE SOVIET UNION.

HE TOLD THE COURT STEP-BY-STEP OF HIS PROGRESS FROM AN AIR FORCE PILOT TO A PILOT OF THE HIGH FLYING U2.

THEN IN THE DAWN OF MAY 1 HE LEFT PAKISTAN ON THE FLIGHT WHICH BROUGHT HIM 1,200 MILES INTO THE HEART OF THE SOVIET UNION BEFORE HE WAS DOWNED.

"IT WAS A FLIGHT I WAS TOLD TO TAKE," HE SAID. "I WAS NOT ASKED WHETHER I WANTED TO TAKE IT OR NOT."

ASKED IF HE COULD HAVE REFUSED TO GO, POWERS ANSWERED:

"NO. I COULD NOT REFUSE. BY REFUSING I WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

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A COWARD BY MY ASSOCIATES AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NONFULLFILMENT OF THE CONTRACT."

THIS CONTRACT, HE SAID, BROUGHT HIM $2,500 A MONTH.

HE SAID HE HAD NEVER HAD ANY ADMINISTRATIVE OR LEADERSHIP FUNCTION IN THE "TEN-TEN" RECONNAISSANCE GROUP WORKING OUT OF TURKEY AND HAD NOT HELPED PLAN ANY MISSIONS.

HIS JOB,HE INSISTED, WAS TO FLY ALONG THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER OF THE SOVIET UNION FROM BASES IN TURKEY AND FINALLY TO MAKE THE FLIGHT OVER RUSSIA ITSELF.

HE SAID HE HAD BEEN ASSURED BY A COLONEL SHELTON, COMMANDER OF THE RECONNAISSANCE GROUP TO WHICH HE WAS ATTACHED, THAT IT WAS "ABSOLUTELY SAFE" TO FLY OVER THE SOVIET UNION. HE SAID HE HAD NEVER BEFORE FLOWN OVER THE COUNTRY NOR VISITED IT.

DENYING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE EQUIPMENT HIS PLANE CARRIED, HE SAID HIS ONLY JOB WAS TO MAKE IT WORK UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS.

HE SAID:

"I DIDN'T LIKE THE IDEA OF THE FLIGHT. I WAS VERY NERVOUS AND TENSE. IT IS HARD TO EXPLAIN. BUT I WAS SCARED."

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POWERS SAID HE NEVER SAW ANY OF THE U2'S EQUIPMENT LOADED OR UNLOADED.

THE PILOT SAID HE HAD HESTITATED ABOUT RENEWING HIS CONTRACT TO WORK FOR A U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND HAD RENEWED IT ONLY BECAUSE HE DID NOT HAVE TIME TO FIND ANOTHER JOB.

"WHY WERE YOU SORRY YOU RENEWED YOUR CONTRACT," HE WAS ASKED BY HIS GOATEED DEFENSE LAWYER.

"WHY WERE YOU PENITENT?"

"THE REASONS ARE HARD TO EXPLAIN," POWERS SAID. "THE WORK WAS STRENUOUS AND I HAD A FEELING--I CAN'T PUT IT INTO WORDS--I DIDN'T PARTICULARLY LIKE WHAT I WAS DOING."

"WHY ARE YOU SORRY NOW?" THE LAWYER PERSISTED.

WITH A WRY EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE, POWERS SAID:

"THE SITUATION I AM IN RIGHT NOW IS NOT TOO GOOD. I HAVEN'T HEARD TOO MUCH OF THE NEWS OF THE WORLD SINCE I HAVE BEEN IN."

BUT HE SAID HE LEARNED OF THE END OF THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE AND OF THE CANCELLATION OF THE EISENHOWER VISIT.

POWERS SAID THAT ON COMPLETION OF SERVICE WITH THE AIR FORCE HE HAD WANTED TO GO INTO CIVIL AVIATION BUT COULD NOT FIND A JOB. HE TOLD OF WORKING IN HIS SPARE TIME AT COLLEGE, AND SAID HE HAD NEVER ENGAGED IN POLITICS.

THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY INTRODUCED PICTURES HE SAID HAD BEEN SUPPLIED BY POWERS' FAMILY SHOWING HOW THE PILOT GREW UP AND THE HOUSE WHERE HE LIVED--ALL, APPARENTLY, IN AN EFFORT TO DEPICT POWERS TO THE COURT AS A MEMBER OF THE WORKING CLASSES.

UNDER QUESTIONING BY THE PROSECUTION, POWERS DENIED KNOWING WHAT U.S. AGENCY WAS IN CHARGE OF HIS U2.

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"I THINK YOU DID NOT DOUBT IT WAS A SPY FLIGHT," OBSERVED PROSECUTOR RUDENKO.

"NO, I DON'T THINK I DOUBTIT," POWERS RESPONDED.

RUDENKO APPEARED TO ACCEPT POWERS' ANSWERS PUTTING THE PRIME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE U2 FLIGHT ON THE PILOT'S SUPERIORS.

AS POWERS TESTIFIED FOR HOUR AFTER HOUR, A PATTERN BEGAN TO EMERGE--THE QUESTIONS THE ATTORNEYS ASKED AND THE PILOT'S ANSWERS WERE SERVING TO PICTURE HIM AS A DUPE OF AMERICAN INTERESTS.

HIS TESTIMONY WILL BE PRINTED VERBATIM IN THE SOVIET PRESS TOMORROW AND THE IMPRESSION TO BE GAINED IS ONE WHICH LIKELY WILL INFLUENCE THE READING PUBLIC FAVORABLY IN REGARD TO POWERS AS A PERSON.

A SAMPLING AMONG RUSSIANS WHO ATTENDED TODAY'S SESSION SHOWED THEY

FELT MUCH MORE KINDLY TO POWERS THAN THEY DID BEFORE HE BEGAN TO TESTIFY.

HE DESCRIBED HIS HUMBLE FAMILY BACKGROUND AND TOLD THE COURT OF HIS FATHER'S HARD LIFE, OF A BROTHER-IN-LAW WHO RAN A SHOE REPAIR SHOP AND ANOTHER WHO EKED OUT A POOR LIVING BY DRIVING A SCHOOL BUS.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SEEMED AIMED AT MAKING THE POINT THAT HE WAS JUST SOMEONE WHO KNEW HOW TO FLY AN AIRPLANE AND LOVED THAT WORK.

POWERS KEPT INSISTING THAT HE KNEW NOTHING OF THE SECRET ASPECTS OF THE JOB, BEYOND ADMITTING THAT HE ASSUMED HIS FLIGHT HAD A SPY PURPOSE.

ALL THIS COULD QUITE CONCEIVABLY, UNDER SOVIET LAW, BE CONSIDERED EXTENTUATING CIRCUMSTANCES AND EASE WHATEVER SENTENCE MAY BE METED OUT TO HIM.

AT THE SAME TIME, IT HAS THE EFFECT OF HELPING SOVIET DETERMINATION TO DEPICT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AS ON TRIAL.

THE DEFENDANT WORE A CIVILIAN SUIT AND APPEARED WELL. HIS FACE BORE A RED MARK WHICH SOME SPECTATORS ASSUMED MIGHT HAVE COME FROM HIS PARACHUTING TO SOVIET SOIL, BUT QUESTIONING BY HIS ATTORNEY SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH THIS AS A BIRTHMARK.

HIS VOICE WAS FIRM BUT HIGH PITCHED AND GREW TIRED TOWARD THE END OF THE FOUR HOUR MORNING SESSION.

LISTENING FROM A BOX IN THE REAR OF THE COURTROOM OF THE HOUSE OF UNION WERE HIS WIFE AND PARENTS. A RUSSIAN NURSE WAS WITH THEM AS WELL AS THEIR OWN DOCTORS FROM HOME. POWERS, DIAGONALLY ACROSS THE HUGE ROOM AND BLINDED BY TELEVISION LIGHTS, PROBABLY COULD NOT SEE THEM.

THE FAMILY SELDOM TOOK THEIR EYES FROM THE WITNESS STAND.

POWERS ASSERTED HE DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER HIS FLIGHT WAS UNDER MILITARY AUSPICES. HE SAID A COLONEL NAMED SHELTON WAS IN CHARGE OF THE OUTFIT BUT THAT THE REST OF THE GROUP WERE CIVILIANS.

HE TESTIFIED SHELTON HAD TOLD HIM IT WAS SAFE TO FLY OVER SOVIET RUSSIA---AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT SIMILAR PLANES HAD MADE FLIGHTS OVER A PERIOD OF ABOUT FOUR YEARS.

AT THE START OF THE TRIAL A 4,000-WORD INDICTMENT DRAWN UP BY SOVIET PROSECUTORS, AND PREVIOUSLY MADE PUBLIC, WAS READ.

ASKED THEN HOW HE PLEADED, POWERS SAID:

"YES. I PLEAD GUILTY."

POWERS' VOICE WAS HIGH-PITCHED BUT CALM, AND HE SEEMED IN FULL CONTROL OF HIMSELF.

THE FLIER'S WIFE, BARBARA, AND HIS PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. OLIVER POWERS OF POUND, VA., SAT IN A SPECIAL BOX AT THE REAR OF THE HUGE HALL AND HEARD HIM ENTER THE PLEA WHICH COULD -- BUT PROBABLY WON'T -- BRING HIM A DEATH SENTENCE.

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME ANY AMERICAN HAD EVER BEEN TRIED ON SPY CHARGES IN A SOVIET COURT, AND THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED IT WOULD ALSO CONVICT THE WHOLE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES.

POWERS APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH AND SHOWED NO SIGNS OF NERVOUSNESS. HE WORE A WELL FITTING, SINGLE-BREASTED NAVY BLUE SUIT AND A DARK RED NECKTIE. HIS HAIR WAS CREWCUT AND HE CARRIED INTO THE PRISONER'S BOX ON THE STAGE OF THE HALL A LIGHT BLUE CARDBOARD FOLDER WHICH APPARENTLY CONTAINED MATERIAL FOR HIS DEFENSE. THERE WAS A LURID RED MARK ON HIS LEFT JAW JUST UNDER THE EAR, POSSIBLY THE AFTER-EFFECT OF AN INJURY SUSTAINED WHEN HE PARACHUTED MAY 1 FROM HIS HIGH-FLYING JET 1,200 MILES INSIDE SOVIET TERRITORY.

AT THE OUTSET OF THE HEARING BEFORE THREE MILITARY JUDGES POWERS ANSWERED ROUTINE, FACTUAL QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS BIRTHPLACE AND BIRTH DATE -- HE IS 31 TODAY -- HIS FAMILY BACKGROUND AND HIS EDUCATION.

THEN CAME THE READING OF THE LONG INDICTMENT AND THEN, WITH SURPRISING RAPIDITY, THE PLEA.

"HAVE YOU HEARD AND UNDERSTOOD THE CHARGES AGAINST YOU?" ASKED THE PRESIDING JUDGE, LT. GEN. VIKTOR V. BORISOGLEBSKY.

"YES." POWERS REPLIED AFTER RISING IN THE PRISONER'S BOX.

"DO YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU ARE GUILTY?" THE JUDGE CONTINUED FROM HIS HIGH-BACKED CHAIR BENEATH THE HAMMER AND SICKLE EMBLEM OF THE SOVIET UNION.

"YES, I PLEAD GUILTY."

"BE SEATED," SAID THE JUDGE.

THERE WAS A STIR THROUGHOUT THE AUDIENCE AND THE JUDGE DECLARED A RECESS FOR 20 MINUTES ANNOUNCING THAT EXAMINATION OF POWERS WOULD BEGIN THEREAFTER.

THE PLEA OF GUILTY CAME AS NO SURPRISE, FOR THE INDICTMENT -- PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED -- SAID POWERS HAD PLEADED GUILTY TO FLYING OVER SOVIET TERRITORY, TURNING ON AND OFF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT ABOARD HIS PLANE, AND BELIEVED THIS "WAS DONE WITH THE AIM OF COLLECTING INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION."

POWERS' APPEARANCE IN COURT WAS HIS FAMILY'S FIRST SIGHT OF HIM SINCE BEFORE HIS ILL-FATED FLIGHT. THEY ARRIVED IN MOSCOW LAST WEEKEND BUT THE RUSSIANS REFUSED TO PERMIT THEM TO SEE HIM. REPEATED REQUESTS FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY TO INTERVIEW THE FLIER ALSO WERE REFUSED.

POWERS' EYES RAKED THE AUDIENCE OF 1,500 AS HE ENTERED THE COURTROOM, APPARENTLY SEEKING HIS FAMILY. BUT HE CLEARLY DID NOT FIND THEM, FOR AT NO TIME DID HE LOOK AT THEIR BOX UNDER THE REAR BALCONY.

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THE KREMLIN LAUNCHED THE TRIAL IN A BLAZING SPOTLIGHT OF PUBLICITY, FOCUSING NEW ATTENTION ON THE ILL-FATED RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT OVER SOVIET TERRITORY WHICH PREMIER NIKITA S. KHRUSHCHEV GAVE AS HIS REASON FOR BREAKING UP THE MAY SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN PARIS.

AS THE STATE'S CHIEF ACCUSER, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT NAMED ROMAN ANDREYEVICH RUDENKO, 53-YEAR-OLD GENERAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR WHO WAS THE CHIEF SOVIET PROSECUTOR AT THE NUERNBERG WAR CRIMES TRIALS.

POWERS IS BEING DEFENDED BY A MILD-MANNERED PUBLIC DEFENDER, MIKHAIL ILICH GRINIOV, ~~A DEFENSE ATTORNEY~~ AT NUERNBERG. THREE ATTORNEYS SENT BY THE VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION WERE ADMITTED TO THE SOVIET UNION WITH THE POWERS FAMILY BUT WERE NOT PERMITTED TO TAKE PART IN THE TRIAL. (ANOTHER SOVIET PROSECUTOR

THE SOVIET PRESS AND RADIO KEPT UP ITS BARRAGE AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. A RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE BROADCAST FOR HOME LISTENERS TODAY SAID: "THE TRIAL OF THE ARCH-SPY POWERS, HIRELING OF ALLEN DULLES (HEAD OF THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY) AND THOSE OF HIS KIND, HAS BEGUN." IT CALLED THE PRISONER'S BOX "THE BENCH OF SHAME ON WHICH THE ENTIRE PROVOCATIVE POLICY OF THE U.S. COLD WAR KNIGHTS IS ON SHOW TODAY."

THE SOVIETS CLAIM THAT POWERS' PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN BY A ROCKET WHILE THE U2 WAS 68,000 FEET OVER THE HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED URALS AREA, IN THE REGION OF SVERDLOVSK. THE PILOT BAILED OUT AND WAS CAPTURED. AMERICAN U2 FLIGHTS OVER SOVIET TERRITORY HAD BEEN GOING ON SINCE 1956, BUT THE SOVIETS SAID NOTHING ABOUT THEM PUBLICLY UNTIL POWERS WAS TAKEN.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON MAY 5 OF POWERS' CAPTURE LAUNCHED AN ANTI-AMERICAN BARRAGE WHICH HAS NEVER CEASED. THE RUSSIANS HAVE CHARGED PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON, CIA CHIEF DULLES AND OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT LEADERS WITH PURSUING A DELIBERATE POLICY OF TRYING TO PROVOKE THE SOVIET UNION INTO A WAR.

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WHEN THE TRIAL RESUMED, POWERS UNDER QUESTIONING BY RUDENKO BEGAN A POINT-BY-POINT RECITAL OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS ILL-FATED FLIGHT.

HE CONFIRMED THAT HIS FLIGHT ORIGINATED IN PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN, AND THAT HE WAS FLOWN THERE FROM THE U.S. AIR BASE AT ADANA, TURKEY.

THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TRIED IN VAIN TO GET POWERS TO SAY THAT THE U2 PLANE ONCE HAD IDENTIFICATION MARKS BUT THAT THEY HAD BEEN PAINTED OUT.

POWERS SAID HE SAW THE U2 EARLY ON THE MORNING OF THE FLIGHT MAY 1 BUT DID NOT EXAMINE IT FOR IDENTIFICATION MARKS. A BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS WAS FLUNG AT HIM, BUT HE PERSISTED IN SAYING THAT HE HAD NOT LOOKED FOR MARKS AND SO SAW NONE.

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"WE WILL LET THE EXPERTS SAY WHETHER IT HAD IDENTIFICATION MARKS," SAID RUDENKO, THE PROSECUTOR.

POWERS TESTIFIED THAT HE WAS "NERVOUS AND SCARED" DURING HIS FLIGHT.

"WHAT WERE YOU SCARED OF?" ASKED RUDENKO.

"JUST THE IDEA OF BEING OVER THE SOVIET UNION," THE AMERICAN REPLIED AND LAUGHTER SWEPT THE COURT.

POWERS ALSO INSISTED HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT ON THE U2, SOME OF WHICH WAS DISPLAYED IN A CASE ON THE STAGE. 1960

"I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY OF THIS EQUIPMENT," HE SAID. "I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE EXCEPT FOR WHAT I HAVE SEEN HERE."

AS THE LENGTHY QUESTIONING CONTINUED, RUDENKO ASSERTED: "YOU KNEW IT (THE U2) WAS DESIGNATED AS A SPY PLANE." POWERS REPLIED: "I COULD SEE NO OTHER REASON FOR SUCH A FLIGHT."

"I THINK YOU DID NOT DOUBT IT WAS A SPY FLIGHT," RUDENKO CONTINUED.

"NO, I DON'T THINK I DOUBTED IT," POWERS ANSWERED BRINGING ANOTHER WAVE OF CHUCKLES FROM THE SPECTATORS.

POWERS INSISTED ALL THROUGH THE QUESTIONING THAT HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE EQUIPMENT NOR JUST WHAT IT WAS SUPPOSED TO DO.

"I COULD PRETTY WELL GUESS THE PURPOSE," HE SAID, "BUT AS FAR AS BEING IN THE KNOW, NO. NOW THAT I HAVE SEEN SOME OF THE RESULTS, I HAVE A MUCH BETTER IDEA OF WHAT THE STUFF DOES THAN I DID BEFORE."

POWERS SAID THAT ALL HE DID WAS "AT DESIGNATED PLACES ON THE MAP, I TURNED ON THE DESIGNATED EQUIPMENT."

HE ADMITTED THAT HE HAD MADE CERTAIN VISUAL OBSERVATIONS, INCLUDING AN AIRFIELD NOT MARKED ON U.S. CHARTS, AND WHEN THE PROSECUTOR ASKED HIM WHAT THE PURPOSE WAS, POWERS REPLIED:

"WELL, I WAS TOLD TO INDICATE ANYTHING THAT DIDN'T APPEAR ON THE CHART. IT IS MORE OR LESS A HABIT WITH PILOTS TO INDICATE OBJECTS NOT APPEARING ON THE MAP."

POWERS TESTIFIED THAT HE HAD BAD WEATHER MOST OF THE TIME HE WAS OVER THE SOVIET UNION WITH A HEAVY CLOUD COVER BELOW HIM.

HE SAID HE STARTED THE FLIGHT AT 67,000 FEET BUT CLIMBED TO 68,000 AS HIS FUEL BURNED OUT. THE PROSECUTOR QUESTIONED HIM AT LENGTH ON PLANS FOR LANDING IN SWEDEN OR FINLAND BUT THE PILOT INSISTED THAT HE COULD NOT REMEMBER THE NAMES OF ANY AIRPORTS IN THOSE COUNTRIES THAT HE COULD HAVE USED.

ASKED WHAT INSTRUCTIONS HE HAD IF HE COULD NOT MAKE THE FLIGHT DIRECT TO BODOE, IN NORWAY, WHERE THE RUSSIANS SAY HE WAS TO LAND, HE ANSWERED THAT VARIOUS AIRPORTS WERE LISTED FOR HIM AS RESERVE FIELDS.

"I HAVE NO IDEA OF THE NAMES OF THEM," POWERS SAID. "IT WAS INDICATED THAT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY ANY AIRFIELD OUTSIDE THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE BETTER THAN ANY AIRFIELD INSIDE IT."

THE PROSECUTOR RETURNED TO THE QUESTION OF THE FLIGHT'S AIM AND ASKED, "THIS WAS AN INTRUSION WITH SPY AIMS?" 1960

"I SUPPOSE SO, YES," POWERS REPLIED.

HE DENIED HE KNEW WHICH U.S. AGENCY OPERATED THE U2 PLANE. HE SAID IT WAS "A HIGH ALTITUDE PLANE, VERY HIGH ALTITUDE, USED FOR RECONNAISSANCE AND RESEARCH."

"I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT IS MILITARY OR NOT," HE SAID. BUT HE AGREED THAT A MILITARY OFFICER, COL. SHELTON, HEADED THE OUTFIT WHICH FLEW THE PLANES.

THE REST OF THE GROUP WERE CIVILIANS, HE INSISTED.

"WHAT DID COL. SHELTON TELL YOU ABOUT FLYING OVER THE SOVIET UNION?" RUDENKO ASKED.

"HE SAID IT WAS ABSOLUTELY SAFE TO FLY OVER THE SOVIET UNION," POWERS REPLIED.

IN A NEAR-MONOTONE, POWERS UNDER QUESTIONING TESTIFIED THAT HE WAS HIRED AS A RECONNAISSANCE PILOT TO FLY ALONG THE TURKISH FRONTIER OF THE SOVIET UNION AND WAS NOT TOLD UNTIL LATER THAT HE MIGHT BE ASKED TO FLY OVER THE SOVIET UNION ITSELF.

ASKED WHY HE CARRIED A PISTOL ON THE MAY 1 FLIGHT, HE SAID "FOR HUNTING."

Q. "AND THE 20S CARTRIDGES?"

A. "I DON'T THINK THAT THE PISTOL AND CARTRIDGES HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE ASSIGNMENT," POWERS DECLARED.

Q. "WHO GAVE YOU THE POISON NEEDLE?" RUDENKO CONTINUED.

A. "IT WAS GIVEN TO ME DURING THE BRIEFING AT PESHAWAR."

Q. "FOR WHAT PURPOSE?"

A. "IN CASE I WAS CAPTURED, TORTURED AND COULDN'T STAND THE TORTURE AND WOULD RATHER BE DEAD.

"IT WAS MORE OR LESS UP TO ME WHETHER TO USE THE PIN."

"THEY WANTED YOU TO BLOW UP THE PLANE, KILL YOURSELF AND WIPE OUT ALL TRACE?" RUDENKO CONTINUED.

"NO," SAID POWERS.

Q. "YOU WERE TOLD TORTURE WOULD BE USED IN THE SOVIET UNION?"

A. "I DON'T REMEMBER BEING TOLD BUT I EXPECTED IT."

Q. "WERE YOU TORTURED?"

A. "NO."

Q. "HOW WERE YOU TREATED?"

A. "I HAVE BEEN TREATED VERY NICE."

Q. "YOU WERE SHOWN THE WRECKAGE OF THE PLANE ON DISPLAY IN GORKY PARK?"

A. "I WAS."

Q. "IT WAS THE SAME ONE YOU FLEW?"

A. "YES." 1960

DURING MUCH OF THIS TESTIMONY POWERS WIPED HIS FOREHEAD AND MOUTH OFTEN WITH A FOLDED WHITE HANDKERCHIEF.

HE TOLD OF BEING APPROACHED IN 1956 AND OFFERED A GOOD SALARY FOR A SPECIAL KIND OF WORK.

"THEY TOLD ME THEY HAD A GOOD PAYING JOB AND I HAD THE QUALIFICATIONS," POWERS SAID.

HE THEN RELATED THAT HE WAS TOLD THE JOB MIGHT TAKE HIM OVERSEAS AND PERHAPS KEEP HIM AWAY FROM HIS FAMILY FOR AS MUCH AS 18 MONTHS AT A TIME. THIS APPARENTLY WAS IN APRIL 1956. HE WAS TOLD TO TALK THE PROPOSITION OVER WITH HIS WIFE AND REPORT BACK THE NEXT DAY.

RUDENKO TRIED TO FIND OUT WHAT HE WAS TOLD DURING THESE PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS.

"IT HAPPENED A LONG TIME AGO--IN 1956," POWERS REPLIED.

"I WAS TOLD THE PAY WOULD BE $2,500 A MONTH. PART OF IT WOULD BE HELD BACK AND PAID ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT. ONE THOUSAND WAS HELD BACK EACH MONTH."

HE SIGNED THE CONTRACT IN MAY, WENT INTO TRAINING UNTIL AUGUST AND WAS SHIPPED OVERSEAS WITH A GROUP OF RECONNAISSANCE AND WEATHER RESEARCH PILOTS KNOWN AS 10-10, POWERS SAID.

POWERS TESTIFIED THERE WAS NOTHING IN HIS CONTRACT ABOUT FLYING ALONG THE TURKISH FRONTIER OR OVER THE SOVIET UNION. HE TOLD THE COURT THAT HE WAS REQUIRED NOT TO TALK ABOUT THE CONTRACT AND THAT IT CONTAINED A CLAUSE PROVIDING FOR 10 YEARS IMPRISONMENT OR $10,000 FINE OR BOTH FOR GIVING ANY DETAILS OF IT.

"IT CONTAINED CLASSIFIED INFORMATION," HE SAID.

"WAS THAT A LARGE SUM?" RUDENKO ASKED, REFERRING TO THE PAY OF $2,500 A MONTH.

"IT WAS MORE THAN I HAD BEEN MAKING," POWERS REPLIED. "IT WAS APPROXIMATELY THE EQUIVALENT OF THE PAY OF THE CAPTAIN OF A COMMERCIAL AIRLINER."

THAT STATEMENT BROUGHT A VISIBLE STIR AMONG THE RUSSIAN MEMBERS OF THE LARGE AUDIENCE.

ASKED WHETHER HE HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE AGENCY--NASA--POWERS SAID, "I ACTUALLY DON'T KNOW. I NEVER MET ANY PERSONNEL OF THIS ORGANIZATION."

SHOWN HIS NASA CARD, HE SAID IT WAS ISSUED SO HE COULD FLY MILITARY AIRCRAFT.

"ANOTHER (PURPOSE), I PRESUME IS TO COVER UP ITS INTELLIGENCE AIMS BUT THESE ARE JUST PRESUMPTIONS," HE ADDED. "NO ONE TOLD ME SO I DON'T KNOW."

JUST BEFORE THE TRIAL RESUMED FOR THE AFTERNOON BARBARA POWERS CONFERRED EARNESTLY WITH A MAN WHO WAS SERVING AS INTERPRETER BETWEEN HER HUSBAND AND HIS COUNSEL. THERE WAS SPECULATION THAT HE HAD BROUGHT HER SOME KIND OF MESSAGE FROM HER HUSBAND.

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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THESE ARE THE PRINCIPAL FIGURES AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED IN THE ESPIONAGE TRIAL OF FRANCIS GARY POWERS, AMERICAN PILOT, WHICH BEGINS IN MOSCOW TODAY:

THE COURT HOUSE--THE HALL OF COLUMNS INSIDE THE SOVIET TRADE UNION BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN MOSCOW. SCENE OF PURGE TRIALS IN THE 1930S UNDER JOSEPH STALIN AND OF CONCERTS AND EXHIBITIONS. CAPACITY 2,000 SEATS.

THE COURT--THE MILITARY COLLEGIUM, ONE OF FOUR BRANCHES OF THE SOVIET SUPREME COURT. THREE JUDGES AND NO JURY. THE TRIAL IS EXPECTED TO RUN ABOUT THREE DAYS, FROM 10 A. M. TO 6 P. M. (MOSCOW TIME) DAILY.

THE DEFENDANT--FRANCISC GARY POWERS, 31 YEARS OLD TODAY, OF POUND, VA. CIVILIAN PILOT FOR THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA). BAILED OUT OF HIS HIGH-ALTITUDE U2 OBSERVATION JET PLANE OVER SVARDLOVSK, SOME 1,200 MILES INSIDE RUSSIA, ON MAY 1. CAPTURED AND HELD INCOMMUNICADO SINCE.

DEPENDANT'S FAMILY--MRS. BARBARA POWERS, 24, OF MILLEDGEVILLE, GA., HIS WIFE. OLIVER W. POWERS, 55, SHOEMAKER OF ~~NORTON~~ POUND, VA., HIS FATHER. IDA POWERS, 54, OF NORTON, HIS MOTHER. ALL ARE ATTENDING THE TRIAL AS SPECTATORS WITH SOVIET PERMISSION. POWERS' SISTER, MRS. JESSICA HILEMAN OF WASHINGTON, D. C., LEFT NEW YORK LAST NIGHT FOR MOOSCOW TO ATTEND THE TRIAL ALSO.

DEFENSE ATTORNEY--MIKHAIL ILICH GRINIOV, PROMINENT MOSCOW LAWYER, APPOINTED BY THE KREMLIN. PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE JURIDICAL COUNCIL, RUSSIAN EQUIVALENT OF A LEGAL AID SOCIETY. TRAINED IN LAW AT KHARKOV. ONE OF RUSSIA'S PROSECUTORS AT THE NUERNBERG TRIALS OF NAZI LEADERS AFTER WORLD WAR II.

CHIEF PROSECUTOR--ROMAN A. RUDENKO, ALSO A SOVIET PROSECUTOR AT THE NUERNBERG WAR CRIMES TRIALS.

THE CHARGE--ESPIONAGE, UNDER THE SOVIET LAW ON "CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CRIMES AGAINST THE STATE." DETAILS ARE SPELLED OUT IN A 4,000-WORD INDICTMENT, IN WHICH THE KREMLIN SAYS POWERS PLEADED GUILTY TO THE "SUBSTANCE" OF THE CHARGE.

THE PENALTY--FROM 7 YEARS IN PRISON TO DEATH BY FIRING SQUAD. THEORETICALLY, LENIENCY COULD RESULT IN EXPULSION FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

OBSERVERS--U. S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND THREE AMERICAN LAWYERS APPOINTED BY THE VIRGINIA BAR ASSN. AS LEGAL ADVISERS TO POWERS' PARENTS AND WIFE. THEY ARE NOT PERMITTED TO TAKE PART IN THE TRIAL ITSELF. THEY ARE ALEXANDER W. PARKER OF RICHMOND, FORMER STATE BAR PRESIDENT, AND FRANK W. ROGERS OF ROANOKE, BOTH ACCOMPANYING BARBARA POWERS, AND CARL A. MCAFEE OF MORTON, ACCOMPANYING OLIVER POWERS AND HIS WIFE.

THE PRESS--A LIMITED NUMBER OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS BUT NO CAMERAMEN, IN ADDITION TO NEWSMEN OF SOVIET RUSSIA AND OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

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BY C. YATES MCDANIEL

WASHINGTON, AUG. 17 (AP)-ANTIAIRCRAFT EXPERTS AT THE PENTAGON SPECULATED TODAY THAT IF FRANCIS GARY POWERS SAW AN ORANGE BURST BEHIND HIS U2 PLANE IT COULD HAVE BEEN FROM A NEAR-MISS MISSILE.

SUCH A NEARBY EXPLOSION COULD HAVE CAUSED DAMAGE OF RELATIVELY MINOR NATURE BUT STILL ENOUGH TO FORCE HIM DOWN. IF THIS HAPPENED IT MIGHT EXPLAIN WHY POWERS SURVIVED AND HIS PLANE ESCAPED DESTRUCTION.

IT IS KNOWN THAT POWERS' RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT WAS FOLLOWED BY U.S. RADAR AND SEEN TO DESCEND TO ABOUT 30,000 FEET. THE ASSUMPTION AT THE PENTAGON HAS BEEN THAT THIS DESCENT WAS CAUSED BY A FLAME-OUT OF THE U2 JET ENGINE AND THAT POWERS THEREAFTER MAY HAVE ATTEMPTED TO GET HIS POWER PLANT STARTED AGAIN IN THE RICHER AIR AT THE LOWER ALTITUDE.

POWERS TESTIFIED TODAY HE WAS AT 68,000 FEET WHEN HE WAS SHOT DOWN BUT IT WAS NOTED HERE THAT HIS ASSERTION, IF TRUE, WOULD NOT NECESSARILY DISPROVE THE REPORT THAT HIS PLANE WAS FOLLOWED TO THE 30,000-FOOT LEVEL BY RADAR.

THE TESTIMONY DID NOT BRING OUT WHEN OR HOW HE LEFT THE PLANE. IF IT HAD BEEN DISABLED AT 68,000 FEET BUT NOT WRECKED, HE COULD HAVE RIDDEN IT DOWN TO 30,000 OR LESS BEFORE BAILING OUT.

THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL UNOFFICIAL CHALLENGES OF RUSSIAN CLAIMS THAT ONE OF THEIR ROCKETS KNOCKED THE U2 DOWN FROM MORE THAN 65,000 FEET BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO FLAT AND OFFICIAL DENIAL OF THE REPORT. THERE ARE KNOWN ANTI-AIRCRAFT ROCKETS WITH RANGES OF MORE THAN THE APPROXIMATE 13 MILES AT WHICH THE U2 FLIES. A HIT AT THAT ALTITUDE WOULD BE DIFFICULT BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE.

MODERN AMERICAN ANTIAIRCRAFT MISSILES CAN AND DO CRIPPLE OR KNOCK DOWN TARGETS WITHOUT ACTUALLY HITTING THEM. THE ARMY HAS MADE PUBLIC MOTION PICTURES OF SEVERAL TESTS IN WHICH NIKE MISSILES HAVE DESTROYED TARGETS WHEN THE MISSILE WARHEAD EXPLODED SOME DISTANCE FROM THE DRONE.

DAMAGING OR KILLING NEAR MISSES WERE COMMONPLACE WITH CONVENTIONAL ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS IN WORLD WAR II. THE PROXIMITY FUSE WITH WHICH U.S. ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY SHELLS WERE EQUIPPED WERE SET TO EXPLODE WHEN THEY WERE NEAR ENOUGH TO HURT AN ENEMY PLANE.

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POWERS SIDEBAR

MOSCOW, AUG. 17 (AP)-THE NAME OF FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN, ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK, WAS BROUGHT INTO THE ESPIONAGE TRIAL OF FRANCIS GARY POWERS TODAY.

QUESTIONED BY SOVIET PROSECUTOR ROMAN RUDENKO, THE 31-YEAR-OLD U2 FLIER SAID CARDINAL SPELLMAN WAS AMONG HIGH RANKING PERSONS WHO HAD VISITED HIS SUPER-SECRET DETACHMENT AT THE ADANA, TURKEY, AIR BASE.

"SO CARDINAL SPELLMAN INTERESTED HIMSELF IN MILITARY BASES?" RUDENKO QUERIED SARCASTICALLY.

"I WOULD SAY HE WAS INTERESTED IN MILITARY PERSONNEL, NOT IN BASES," POWERS SNAPPED BACK.

THE CARDINAL IS ROMAN CATHOLIC VICAR TO THE U.S. ARMED FORCES AND MAKES AN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOUR OF OVERSEAS BASES.

RUDENKO ASKED IF CARDINAL SPELLMAN GAVE HIS BLESSINGS TO PERSONS ENGAGED IN SPY OPERATIONS.

"I THINK HE WOULDN'T THINK TOO MUCH OF WHAT A PERSON DOES AS WHAT HE IS," POWERS REPLIED. 1960

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MOSCOW, AUG. 17 (AP)-"THAT'S MY BOY RIGHT DOWN THE LINE," SAID OLIVER W. POWERS TONIGHT.

HE WAS SPEAKING OF THE APPEARANCE OF HIS SON, FRANCIS GARY POWERS IN A SOVIET COURT WHERE HE PLEADED GUILTY TO ESPIONAGE.

"EVERY WORD WAS HIS. HIS MOTHER THOUGHT THAT HE HAD LOST SOME WEIGHT BUT HE LOOKED NORMAL OTHERWISE," THE FATHER SAID.

THE U2 PILOT'S WIFE, BARBARA, WAS TOO EXHAUSTED BY THE STRAIN OF THE DAY TO SEE REPORTERS. BUT A VIRGINIA ATTORNEY WITH HER, ALEXANDER W. PARKER, SAID:

"SHE WAS VERY PLEASED ABOUT THE MANNER IN WHICH HER HUSBAND GAVE HIS TESTIMONY BUT LIKE HER LAWYERS SHE IS UNABLE TO EVALUATE IT."

AS FOR THE QUESTION OF BRAIN WASHING, PARKER SAID: "SHE FEELS THE SAME WAY I DID ABOUT IT, THAT IF HE HAS BEEN BRAINWASHED THEY HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB OF IT."

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"THERE IS NO WAY OF TELLING IF HE IS BRAINWASHED," PARKER CONTINUED. "IF HE WAS BRAINWASHED THEY DID AN EXCELLENT JOB OF IT BECAUSE WE ARE CONVINCED THE BOY WAS TELLING THE TRUTH OR THOUGHT HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH.

"HE WAS NERVOUS AS ANY OF US WOULD HAVE BEEN. I DID NOT DETECT FEAR,BUT HE WAS OBVIOUSLY NERVOUS AND JUSTIFIABLY SO."

THE ATTORNEY SAID HE THOUGHT THE PROSPECTS ARE GOOD FOR A MEETING WITH PREMIER NIKITA S. KHRUSHCHEV AT WHICH TIME THE FAMILY WILL TRY TO INTERCEDE FOR THE PILOT.

THE PILOT WAVED AT HIS WIFE AT THE END OF THE LUNCH BREAK AND AT THE END OF THE DAY'S SESSION, THE LAWYER SAID. NEWSMEN IN THE PRESS GALLERY HAD NOT NOTICED THIS.

AT THE END OF TODAY'S SESSION DEFENSE ATTORNEY MIKHAIL GRINIOV CONFERRED PRIVATELY WITH BARBARA AND THE PARENTS IN HIS OFFICE. PARKER SAID THAT GRINIOV HAD SOME "ENTIRELY PERSONAL MATTERS" RELATING TO MRS. POWERS AND HER HUSBAND BUT HE DECLINED TO GO INTO DETAIL.

PARKER SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT TO EVALUATE THE PROCEEDINGS BECAUSE THEY WERE SO DIFFERENT FROM AMERICAN TRIALS, BUT AS FAR AS HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH SOVIET PROCEDURES "THEY WERE FOLLOWED CORRECTLY."

ASKED WHAT HE THOUGHT ABOUT THE ACCUSED' PERFORMANCE HE SAID: "I THINK HE WAS, FROM A LAWYER'S STANDPOINT, A VERY INTELLIGENT AND ALERT WITNESS."

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BY EIGIL ANDERSEN

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COPENHAGEN, AUG. 17 (AP)-MRS. JESSICA HILEMAN, YOUNGER SISTER OF FRANCIS GARY POWERS, WEPT AT COPENHAGEN AIRPORT TODAY WHEN SHE WAS SHOWN THE FIRST PICTURES FROM MOSCOW OF HER BROTHER ON TRIAL.

CLASPING THE PICTURES, MRS. HILEMAN SOBBED: "POOR FRANCIS, POOR, DEAR BROTHER."

ASKED BY REPORTERS IF SHE HAD FORMED HER PERSONAL OPINION AS TO WHETHER HER BROTHER WOULD BE SENTENCED, SHE ANSWERED:

"YES, I HAVE, BUT IT DOESN'T COUNT. ALL THAT COUNTS IS THAT I WANT MY BROTHER BACK."

MRS. HILEMAN ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR THE CONNECTING PLANE FROM COPENHAGEN TO MOSCOW AND HAD TO WAIT 90 MINUTES FOR A PLANE TO MOSCOW.

WHILE WAITING, SHE CABLED SOL CURY IN MOSCOW. SHE SAID HE IS "A FRIEND WHO HAS DONE A LOT FOR ALL OF US." CURY ACCOMPANIED HER PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. OLIVER W. POWERS OF POUND, VA., TO MOSCOW.

"THEY DON'T KNOW I AM ON MY WAY," SHE SAID. "I THOUGHT I'D BETTER TELL THEM."

MRS. HILEMAN SAID SHE HOPED TO SEE HER BROTHER IN MOSCOW.

"BUT," SHE ADDED, "IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO ME TO BE WITH MY MOTHER. I AM WORRIED ABOUT HER HEALTH. TO HER, MAYBE MORE THAN TO THE REST OF US, ALL THIS IS A TERRIBLE STRAIN."

SHOWN A COPENHAGEN AFTERNOON NEWSPAPER, ANNOUNCING IN FRONT PAGE BANNER HEADLINES THAT POWERS HAD PLEADED GUILTY SHE EXCLAIMED:

"NO, NO," "THIS IS NOT MY BROTHER.HE IS NOT A SPY."

POINTING TO THE PICTURES FROM THE TRIAL, SHE ADDED: "I RECOGNIZE HIM BUT HE IS SOMEHOW DIFFERENT.HE MUST HAVE HAD A HARD TIME."

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HELSINKI, FINLAND, AUG. 17 (AP)-MRS. JESSICA HILEMAN, 23, SISTER OF U2 PILOT FRANCIS GARY POWERS, SAID TONIGHT SHE IS GOING TO MOSCOW CHIEFLY TO BE WITH HER AILING MOTHER.

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THE MOTHER, MRS. OLIVER W. POWERS OF POUND, VA., SUFFERS FROM A HEART AILMENT. SHE AND HER HUSBAND TODAY SAW THEIR SON GO ON TRIAL IN MOSCOW ON A SPY CHARGE.

MRS. HILEMAN SPENT ABOUT AN HOUR HERE BEFORE TAKING A PLANE FOR MOSCOW.

"I NEITHER WILL NOR CAN SAY ANYTHING MORE," MRS. HILEMAN TOLD NEWSMEN. "MY FATHER AND HIS LAWYER ARE IN CHARGE OF ALL STATEMENTS."

EARLIER IN COPENHAGEN MRS. HILEMAN SAID SHE HOPED TO SEE HER BROTHER IN MOSCOW.

"BUT," SHE ADDED THERE, "IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO ME TO BE WITH MY MOTHER. I AM WORRIED ABOUT HER HEALTH. TO HER, MAYBE MORE THAN TO THE REST OF US, ALL THIS IS A TERRIBLE STRAIN."

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MRS. HILEMAN IS EMPLOYED IN THE CIRUCLATION DEPARTMENT OF THE WASHINGTON (D.C.) DAILY NEWS.

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NIGHT LEAD POWERS-EISENHOWER

BY LEWIS GULICK

WASHINGTON, AUG. 17 (AP)-PRESIDENT EISENHOWER TODAY ACCUSED THE SOVIETS OF DISTORTING THE FACTS TO MAKE IT LOOK AS IF THE UNITED STATES WERE ON TRIAL ALONG WITH U2 PILOT FRANCIS GARY POWERS.

EISENHOWER ALSO SAID POWERS' PLEA OF GUILTY TO SPYING WAS NOT EVIDENCE THAT THE U.S. FLIER, IN COMMUNIST CAPTIVITY SINCE HIS HIGH-FLYING RECONNAISSANCE PLANE WENT DOWN INSIDE RUSSIA MAY 1, HAD BEEN BRAINWASHED.

BUT THE PRESIDENT DID PROTEST THE RUSSIAN REFUSAL TO LET ANY AMERICAN SEE POWERS BEFORE HE CAME TO TRIAL. HE SAID THE SOVIETS VIOLATED THE INTERNATIONAL CUSTOM UNDER WHICH ANY FOREIGNER ACCUSED OF A CRIME IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL OF HIS OWN CHOOSING.

EISENHOWER SPOKE AT A NEWS CONFERENCE WHICH GOT UNDERWAY WHILE ACCOUNTS OF THE OPENING SESSION OF THE POWERS TRIAL WERE STILL STREAMING IN FROM MOSCOW.

THE PRESIDENT DECLINED COMMENT ON THE TRIAL ITSELF, SAYING IT WOULD NOT HELP POWERS' CASE FOR ANYONE IN HIS POSITION TO BE SPEAKING OUT ABOUT JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS UNDERWAY IN ANOTHER COUNTRY.

BUT EISENHOWER REJECTED THE NOTION THAT THE UNITED STATES ITSELF IS ON TRIAL. THE KREMLIN HAS BEEN USING THE POWERS CASE TO DRAW A PICTURE OF UNCLE SAM AS A SPYING, AGGRESSIVE NATION.

"WHEN WE ADMITTED PUBLICLY THAT THE U2 BELONGED TO US, AND IT WAS ON A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION," EISENHOWER SAID, "WE WERE DOING SOMETHING

THAT, IN A MODERN WORLD, WAS THE ONLY WAY WE COULD...GET ANY INFORMATION ON A...CLOSED SOCIETY...A SOCIETY WHO IS CONSTANTLY THREATENING US...BY THEIR STRENGTH, BOASTING ABOUT WHAT THEY COULD DO TO THE WORLD...

"NOW, THIS DOES NOT PUT THE UNITED STATES ON TRIAL WHATSOEVER. IF THEY WANT TO SAY THAT THEY ARE PUTTING ME ON TRIAL, THAT IS THEIR PRIVILAGE.

"BUT TO PUT THE UNITED STATES ON TRIAL IN THIS WAY IS JUST ANOTHER PIECE OF THEIR PROPAGANDA THAT DISTORTS FACT INTO THEIR OWN LINE OF CHARGE AND ALLEGATION."

EISENHOWER EMPHATICALLY DECLARED, TOO, THAT THE SOVIETS "HAVE NO CASE WHATSOEVER" IN TRYING TO PORTRAY THE UNITED STATES AS A SPYMONGER. HE SAID THE NUMBER OF COMMUNIST SPIES CAUGHT AND CASES OF BRIBERY AND SUBVERSION PROVED ALL OVER THE WORLD "JUST DENIES ANY VALIDITY WHATSOEVER TO THIS KIND OF CHARGE."

U.S. OFFICIALS WERE HOPEFUL THAT THE VERY PROPAGANDA NATURE OF THE POWERS TRIAL WOULD HELP GET HIM OFF WITH A COMPARATIVELY LIGHT SENTENCE.

THEY REASONED THAT PREMIER NIKITA S. KHRUSHCHEV WOULD FIGURE HE COUL WIN MORE PROPAGANDA MILEAGE OUT OF LENIENCY RATHER THAN HARSHNESS TOWAR POWERS WHEN IT COMES TO SENTENCING HIM.

HOWEVER, SOME EXPERTS FIGURED THE OPPOSITE COULD HAPPEN TOO--THAT KHRUSHCHEV, WHO HAS BEEN FOLLOWING A TOUGH LINE TOWARD THE FREE WORLD SINCE THE U2 INCIDENT, WOULD HAVE POWERS EXECUTED TO "TEACH A LESSON" T THE WORLD.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY UNDER SOVIET LAW FOR SPYING IS DEATH. POSSIBLE JAIL TERMS RUN FROM SEVEN TO 15 YEARS.

PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE TRIAL, U.S. AUTHORITIES WERE PREPARING TO SEEK POST-TRIAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS FOR POWERS' RELEASE.

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WITH MOSCOW POWERS

BY HAL R.COOPER

LONDON, AUG. 17 (AP)-RADIO MOSCOW TOLD THE RUSSIAN PEOPLS TODAY THE FACTS OF FRANCIS GARY POWERS' TRIAL "PILLORY THE WHOLE OF RULING WASHINGTON, WHICH HAS RAISED ESPIONAGE TO THE LEVEL OF STATE POLICY."

THE RADIO'S COVERAGE OF THE TRIAL TOOK TWO FORMS.

A FACTUAL ACCOUNT WAS BROADCAST IN ENGLISH FOR CONSUMPTION ABROAD. FOR THE HMME AUDIENCE THERE WAS A SERIES OF RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE BULLETINS, HEAVILY LACED WITH PROPAGANDA.

THE RUSSIANS WERETOLD POWERS' BASE AT ADANA, TURKEY, IS A PLACE WHERE "YOUNG BLOODS ARE TRAINED FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMITTING THE VILLAINOUS PROVOCATIVE FLIGHTS INTO THE SKIES OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND IN PARTICULAR THE AIR SPACE OF THE SOVIET UNION."

IN ANOTHER RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE BROADCAST, THE RADIO NOTED THAT POWERS TESTIFIED HE WAS AT 68,000 FEET AT THE TIME OF THE EXPLOSION WHICH FELLED HIS PLANE, ADDING:

"THIS ONCE AGAIN DISPROVES THE MENDACIOUS ASSERTION BY THE U.S. AND REACTIONARY PRESS THAT POWERS' AIRCRAFT WAS BROUGHT DOWN AT A LOW ALTITUDE. THE SOVIET ROCKET REACHED THE U.S. AIRCRAFT AT THE MAXIMUM ALTITUDE OF WHICH IT WAS CAPABLE OF FLYING."

IN A SUBSEQUENT HOME SERVICE BROADCAST, POWERS WAS DENOUNCED AS "THE BONDMAN OF THE ROCKEFELLERS AND THE MORGANS, OF THOSE WHO TURN TH SORROW AND TEARS OF MOTHERS OF THE WORLD INTO STREAMS OF GOLD."

"WITH HEAD BOWED LOW, THE SPY POWERS IS SITTING IN THE DOCK," THE RADIO SAID. "REPLYING TO QUESTIONS PUT TO HIM BY THE COURT, THIS TALL MAN OF ATHLETIC BUILD SPEAKS IN A QUIET, FALTERING LITTLE VOICE, AN INOFFENSIVE LITTLE LAMB.

"YET THIS IS THE VERY SAME MAN WHOSE HAND, ON THE CONTROL COLUMN OF THE BANDIT PLANE, DID NOT FALTER WHEN THE INSTRUMENTS SHOWED THAT THE PLANE HAD CROSSED THE SOVIET STATE FRONTIER AND INSOLENTLY INTRUDED INTO THE PEACEFUL SKY OF OUR COUNTRY.

"HIS HAND DID NOT FALTER EITHER WHEN IT WAS PRESSING THE BUTTONS OF HIS ESPIONAGE APPARATUS.

"NOR WOULD THE CRIMINAL HAND OF POWERS FALTER WHEN PULLING THE BOMB RELEASE LEVER IF HIS MASTERS ORDERED HIM TO HURL DOWN A DEADLY NUCLEAR WEAPON.

"IT IS PRECISELY THE SAME SORT OF POWERSES, U.S. AIRMEN, WHO TURNED TO ASHES HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI, ANNIHILATING SCORES OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE."

THE BROADCAST NOTED THAT THE PILOT HAD DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS THE SON OF A VIRGINIA COBBLER.

"POWERS' BIRTH CERTIFICATE NO DOUBT CONFIRMS THIS FACT," THE BROADCAST SAID. "BUT DOES AN AMERICAN COBBLER, AN AMERICAN WORKER, AN AMERICAN FARMER HAVE ANY NEED OF WAR? WAR, WHICH POWERS UNDERTOOK TO SERVE WITHOUT THINKING TWICE?

"CAN A GENUINE SON OF A MAN OF LABOR VOLUNTARILY DEVOTE HIMSELF TO THE CAUSE OF PREPARING AND UNLEASHING A NUCLEAR WAR? CAN HE OF HIS OWN FREE WILL, WITHOUT ANY COMPULSION, BECOME AN ACCOMPLICE AND HIRELING OF THE INVETERATE SPY ALLEN DULLES?

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POWERS-PROPAGANDA

BY LEWIS GULICK

WASHINGTON, AUG. 17 (AP)-U. S. OFFICIALS EXPECTED THE SOVIETS TO TRY TO WRING THE LAST OUNCE OF PROPAGANDA THEY CAN FROM A SHOWPIECE TRIAL OF FRANCIS GARY POWERS, STARTING TODAY.

BECAUSE OF THIS, THEY HELD HOPES THAT THE AMERICAN U2 PILOT WOULD GET OFF WITH MUCH LESS THAN THE MAXIMUM PENALTY UNDER SOVIET LAW--DEATH BY SHOOTING.

THEY FIGURED POWERS MIGHT EVEN RECEIVE THE MINIMUM JAIL TERM OF SEVEN YEARS. OR THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT PREMIER NIKITA S. KHRUSHCHEV, IN A GESTURE TO SHOW MAGNANIMITY, WOULD COMMUTE A STIFF SENTENCE.

BUT WASHINGTON INFORMANTS ALSO FORESAW THE POSSIBILITY THAT KHRUSHCHEV, IN HIS NEW GET-TOUGH COLD WAR POLICY, WOULD HAVE POWERS EXECUTED TO "TEACH A LESSON" TO THE WORLD.

DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF THE TRIAL, U. S. AUTHORITIES WERE PREPARING TO SEEK POST-TRIAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS FOR POWERS' RETURN.

THERE SEEMED TO BE LITTLE ADVANCE DOUBT THAT THE COURT WOULD CONVICT THE FLIER, SINCE COMMUNIST COURTS ALMOST ALWAYS CONVICT.

IT WAS ASSUMED, TOO, THAT THE KREMLIN HAD ALREADY DECIDED ON THE SENTENCE.

MOSCOW HAS ALREADY GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE DOWNING OF POWERS' HIGH-FLYING U2 RECONNAISSANCE PLANE DEEP INSIDE SOVIET TERRITORY ON MAY 1.

KHRUSHCHEV CITED POWERS' FLIGHT IN CALLING OFF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S VISIT TO RUSSIA AND UPSETTING THE PARIS SUMMIT CONFERENCE LAST MAY 16.

THE RUSSIANS FOLLOWED THROUGH WITH A BARRAGE OF PROTEST NOTES TO WASHINGTON AND OTHER FREE WORLD CAPITALS, A SERIES OF EXPULSIONS OF AMERICANS FROM RUSSIA ON SPYING CHARGES, AND A TORRENT OF PROPAGANDA PORTRAYING THE UNITED STATES AS A SPYING AGGRESSOR.

THEY ALSO HAVE SHOT DOWN A U. S. RECONNAISSANCE PLANE THIS COUNTRY SAID WAS OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS, AND HAVE COMPLAINED TO THE UNITED NATIONS ABOUT THAT INCIDENT.

THE ADVANCE BUILDUP, PLUS SOVIET REFUSAL TO LET ANY AMERICAN SEE POWERS BEFORE THE TRIAL, HAS CONVINCED U. S. OFFICIALS THAT KHRUSHCHEV AIMS TO SQUEEZE OUT EVERY BIT OF PROPAGANDA GAIN IN A PUBLIC SHOW ATTENDED BY INVITED OBSERVERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

WASHINGTON HOPES THAT AS A RESULT, POWERS HIMSELF WILL GET A COMPARATIVELY LIGHT SENTENCE. THE THEORY IS THAT KHRUSHCHEV WILL FIGURE HE CAN SCORE MORE HEAVILY PROPAGANDA-WISE THROUGH SOME LENIENCY RATHER THAN HARSHNESS.

A SERIES OF EVENTS HAS SHAKEN THE WORLD SINCE POWERS' TAKEOFF FROM AN UNDISCLOSED FOREIGN BASE EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 1.

HERE ARE SOME HIGHSPOTS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER:

MAY 3--THE U. S. GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT AN UNARMED U2 WEATHER RESEARCH PLANE BASED AT ADANA, TURKEY, AND PILOTED BY A CIVILIAN, HAD BEEN

MISSING SINCE MAY 1.

MAY 5--KHRUSHCHEV SAID AN AMERICAN PLANE HAD CROSSED THE SOVIET BORDER AND WAS SHOT DOWN.

MAY 5--THE U. S. GOVERNMENT SAID KHRUSHCHEV MAY HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO THE MISSING U2. IT SAID THE PILOT HAD REPORTED DIFFICULTY WITH HIS OXYGEN EQUIPMENT AND MIGHT INADVERTENTLY HAVE CROSSED INTO RUSSIA AFTER LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS.

MAY 6--A U. S. SPOKESMAN SAID THE UNITED STATES HAD NEVER DELIBERATELY VIOLATED SOVIET AIRSPACE.

MAY 7--KHRUSHCHEV SAID RUSSIAN ROCKETS SHOT DOWN THE U2 PLANE FROM 66,000 FEET AT SVERDLOVSK, MORE THAN 1,200 MILES INSIDE RUSSIA NORTH OF THE IRANIAN BORDER, AND THAT THE PILOT HAD BEEN CAPTURED AND HAD CONFESSED TO BE WORKING FOR THE U. S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

MAY 7--THE U. S. GOVERNMENT SAID THE U2 PROBABLY FLEW OVER SOVIET TERRITORY, BUT WITHOUT WASHINGTON AUTHORIZATION. IT SAID FRONTIER FLIGHTS HAD BEEN MADE OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS. IT JUSTIFIED THEM AS NEEDED FOR DEFENSE BECAUSE OF EXCESSIVE SOVIET SECRECY.

MAY 9--THE U. S. GOVERNMENT SAID EISENHOWER HAD AUTHORIZED THE FLIGHTS OVER THE SOVIET UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE FREE WORLD. SPOKESMEN DID NOT DISCOURAGE SPECULATION THAT THE FLIGHTS WOULD BE CONTINUED.

MAY 16--KHRUSHCHEV CANCELED EISENHOWER'S VISIT TO RUSSIA AND REFUSED TO ATTEND THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE WITH EISENHOWER AND THE BRITISH AND FRENCH CHIEFS. EISENHOWER ANNOUNCED DISCONTINUANCE OF THE FLIGHTS OVER RUSSIA.

JUNE 25--SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE COMPLETED AN INQUIRY INTO THE U2-SUMMIT AFFAIR WITH A CONCLUSION THAT POWERS PROBABLY SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SENT ON HIS FLIGHT SO NEAR THE SUMMIT MEETING DATE.

JULY 7--POWERS INDICTED FOR ESPIONAGE BY SOVIETS.

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POWERS (290)

LONDON, AUG. 17 (AP)-THE FOREIGN OFFICE TODAY BEGAN AN INQUIRY INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN JAPAN DESCRIBING THE TRIAL OF FRANCIS GARY POWERS AS "A PROPAGANDA EXERCISE."

IN ITS FORTNIGHTLY INFORMATION BULLETIN, THE BRITISH EMBASSY SAID THE TRIAL OF THE AMERICAN U2 PILOT "HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH JUSTICE AND EVERYTHING TO DO WITH POLITICS." IT WENT ON TO POUR DOUBT ON SOVIET JUDICIAL PROCESSES.

AT A NEWS CONFERENCE, A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID "AN INQUIRY INTO THIS ARTICLE" HAD BEEN ORDERED. THE BULLETIN NORMALLY CARRIES OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY THE BRITISH PRESS, BUT NOT OPINIONS OF THE EMBASSY.

HE REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE ARTICLE--OR TO INDICATE WHETHER IT REFLECTED OFFICIAL BRITISH GOVERNMENT POLICY. IN THE QUESTIONING, A REPORTER FOR THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS REFERRED TO THE ARTICLE AS "SLANDEROUS."

THE SPOKESMAN WAS PRESSED BY SEVERAL REPORTERS, INCLUDING THE TASS MAN, TO SAY IF THE ARTICLE ON POWERS HAD BEEN ISSUED AFTER CONSULTATION WITH LONDON. HE REFUSED TO ANSWER.

OFFICIALS SAID PRIVATELY LATER THERE WAS NO SUCH CONSULTATION. AND THEY ADDED THAT THERE WAS PROBABLY LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED ARE SHARED BY MOST BRITISH DIPLOMATS.

THE MASS-CIRCULATION DAILY MIRROR EDITORIALLY RAPPED THE FOREIGN OFFICE FOR ALLOWING THE TOKYO EMBASSY BULLETIN TO PUT OUT A STATEMENT "IDIOTIC AND UTTERLY IRRESPONSIBLE."

NOTING THAT POWERS' LIFE IS AT STAKE IN THE MOSCOW TRIAL, THE PRO-LABOR MIRROR ASKED:

"HOW THE HELL CAN A BRITISH DIPLOMAT SITTING AT HIS ESK IN TOKYO--4,000 MILES AWAY--PRETEND TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN MOSCOW?"

THE FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN REFUSED COMMENT ON ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE POWERS' TRIAL RAISED BY THE TASS CORRESPONDENT.

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THE REPORTER NOTED THAT THE AMERICAN PILOT TOLD THE MOSCOW COURT THE AMERICAN TRANSPORT PLANE THAT HAD TAKEN HIM TO PAKISTAN FOR HIS U2 TAKEOFF HAD REFUELED AT A BRITISH AIRFIELD IN THE BRITISH PROTECTORATE OF BAHREIN.

"IT IS NOT THE PRACTICE OF THIS COUNTRY TO COMMENT ON ANY MATTERS, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE CONNECTED WITH INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN REPLIED.

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POWERS INTERPRETIVE (460)

BY WILLIAM L. RYAN

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THE SPY TRIAL OF FRANCIS GARY POWERS IS A SOVIET ATTEMPT TO CONVICT U.S. POLICY IN THE WORLD'S OPINION. BUT SOVIET POLICY, TOO, IS ON TRIAL AND THE KREMLIN HAS MUCH AT STAKE.

THE WORLD IS WATCHING THE POWERS TRIAL FOR AN INDICATION OF SOVIET INTENTIONS. MIGHT ITS RESULTS SLAM THE DOOR ON PROSPECTS FOR NEW HIGH-LEVEL TALKS ON WORLD TENSIONS?

THE WORLD'S COMMUNISTS, TOO, ARE WATCHING FOR CLUES. TO THEM IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW JUST HOW REAL THE CURRENT SOVIET SPY SCARE IS. IN THE LIGHT OF PAST PERFORMANCES, THE SPY SCARE WOULD BE NECESSARY IF AN INTERNAL COMMUNIST WORLD BRAWL WAS BREWING.

BUT IF THE KREMLIN CAN DEAL LENIENTLY WITH POWERS, IS IT AN INDICATION THAT THE NEED FOR THE SPY SCARE IS DISAPPEARING? CAN IT MEAN THAT KHRUSHCHEV HAS CARRIED THE DAY IN THE RAGING WORLD COMMUNIST DEBATE OVER THE ADVISABILITY OF HIS "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" POLICIES?

KHRUSHCHEV HAS LEFT LITTLE DOUBT THAT HE IS COMPLETELY SOLD ON THE IDEA THAT WHILE HE NEGOTIATES COMMUNISM CAN EXPAND EFFECTIVELY WITHOUT RASH ACTS--SUCH AS SEEM TO BE URGED BY THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS--WHICH COULD POSE THE RISK OF NUCLEAR WAR. KHRUSHCHEV ALSO INDICATES THAT, DESPITE OBJECTIONS APPARENTLY BEING RAISED WITHIN WORLD COMMUNISM'S RANKS, HE STILL WANTS TO NEGOTIATE AWAY THE MORE AWESOME DANGERS OF THE NUCLEAR ERA.

THUS, IT IS NOT ASTONISHING THAT THE PROSECUTION DEALT RELATIVELY EASILY WITH POWERS YESTERDAY. THE FIRST DAY IN COURT CREATED AN IMPRESSION FOR THE SOVIET PUBLIC THAT POWERS IS AN ORDINARY YOUNG AMERICAN WHO LOVES FLYING AND WAS LURED INTO SPY WORK BY HANDSOME PAY. IT WILL BE SURPRISING IF THE TESTIMONY HAS NOT CREATED SYMPATHY FOR POWERS, PERSONALLY, IN THE MINDS OF SOVIET CITIZENS.

AN ATMOSPHERE HAS BEEN CREATED IN WHICH THE KREMLIN CAN, IF IT SUITS SOVIET PROPAGANDA PURPOSES, DEAL LENIENTLY WITH POWERS WITH THE EXCUSE THAT HE IS JUST A CATSPAW FOR U.S. MONEYED INTERESTS DEPICTED AS INTENT ON A NEW WAR.

THE KREMLIN THUS WILL HAVE ACCOMPLISHED ITS PURPOSE OF DEPICTING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AS THE CULPRIT AND AT THE SAME TIME WILL EXHIBIT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AS CONFIDENT ENOUGH TO DEAL MAGNANIMOUSLY WITH A HUMAN PAWN CAUGHT IN A WEB OF INTRIGUE.

THE DOOR STILL WILL NOT BE CLOSED TO SUCH THINGS, FOR EXAMPLE, AS A KHRUSHCHEV TRIP TO NEW YORK TO MAKE PROPAGANDA AT THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION, OR A KHRUSHCHEV BID TO A NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION FOR ANOTHER SUMMIT.

THE TRIAL EVEN CAN HAVE THE EFFECT OF ADDING RESPECTABILITY TO THE PRESENT-DAY RULES OF WORLD COMMUNISM. THE QUESTION OF BRAINWASHING INEVITABLY COMES UP IN A COMMUNIST SHOW TRIAL, BUT IN THE POWERS CASE PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, AMONG OTHERS, HAS EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT THE FLIER HAS BEEN BRAINWASHED.

THIS SHOW TRIAL COMES IN A NEW SOVIET ERA IN WHICH THE KREMLIN HAS BEEN TRYING TO PERSUADE BOTH THE WORLD AND THE SOVIET PUBLIC TO FORGET THE GRIM PAST. A SHOW TRIAL IN STALIN'S TIME MEANT DEFENDANTS MECHANICALLY MOUTHING SET SPEECHES, DRUMMED INTO THEM AFTER MONTHS OF

ISOLATION AND MENTAL TORTURE. IN STALIN'S DAY, THE DEFENDANT WOULD SEEM STRANGELY EAGER TO DENOUNCE HIMSELF JUST AS VEHEMENTLY AS HIS ACCUSERS DENOUNCED HIM.

UNDER STALIN, THE PROSECUTOR WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN QUIETLY BUSINESS-LIKE, BUT WOULD HAVE PULLED OUT ALL STOPS TO PORTRAY THE MAN IN THE DOCK AS A HORRIFYING MONSTER.

IT ISN'T HAPPENING THAT WAY. IN FACT, THE PROSECUTION HAS BEEN ALMOST GENTLE. AND ALL THIS SEEMS TO BE A REFLECTION OF A PRACTICAL OUTLOOK BY THE MEN WHO NOW RULE THE SOVIET UNION.

KHRUSHCHEV PROBABLY WILL CONSIDER THAT HE REMAINS IN A POSITION TO BEAM AMIABLY AT THE REST OF THE WORLD AND TO PRESENT THE SOVIET REGIME AS AN EMINENTLY REASONABLE ONE.

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NIGHT LEAD POWERS REACTION

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON, AUG. 17 (AP)-THE FRANCIS GARY POWERS TRIAL DREW BANNER HEADLINES THROUGHOUT EUROPE TODAY.

WEST OF THE IRON CURTAIN THERE WERE VARIOUS EXPRESSIONS OF THE IDEA THE AMERICAN U2 PILOT, WHOSE CAPTURE LAST MAY DAY SET OFF A NEW CRISIS IN THE COLD WAR, IS GETTING A RAW DEAL IN MOSCOW.

NEWSPAPERS OF COMMUNIST EAST EUROPE FELL IN LINE WITH THE SOVIET VIEW THAT THE ESPIONAGE HEARING IN THE HALL OF COLUMNS IS "AN ACT OF JUSTICE BRANDING WITH IGNOMINY THE CRIMINAL ACTIONS OF U.S. RULING CIRCLES DIRECTED AGAINST THE SOCIALIST (COMMUNIST) STATES."

"A SAMPLE OF RUSSIAN JUSTICE," COMMENTED STOCKHOLM'S EXPRESSEN.

THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF THE TRIAL WAS ATTACKED EDITORIALLY BY THE LONDON STAR. IT SAID THE CASE "HAS BEEN PREJUDGED WILL IN ADVANCE, CONTRARY TO ALL THE BASIS PRINCIPLES OF BRITISH JUSTICE."

THE STAR'S FRONT PAGE HEADLINE QUOTED POWERS: "NO, I WAS NOT TORTURED."

LONDON'S TWO OTHER AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS, THE NEWS AND STANDARD, LED WITH POWERS' PLEA OF GUILTY UNDER HEADLINES READING "I WAS A SPY."

ALL THREE CARRIED PICTURES OF SCENES IN THE COURTROOM, INCLUDING SHOTS OF POWERS AND OF HIS WIFE AND PARENTS.

AT THE SAME TIME THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE STARTED LOOKING INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF A STATEMENT BY THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN JAPAN THAT THE TRIAL IS "A PROPAGANDA EXERCISE.

THE EMBASSY'S INFORMATION BULLETIN, ISSUED IN TOKYO, DECLARED THE TRIAL "HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH JUSTICE AND EVERYTHING TO DO WITH POLITICS." IT WENT ON TO POUR DOUBT ON SOVIET JUDICIAL PROCESSES.

A REPORTER FOR THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS DECLARED AT A FOREIGN OFFICE NEWS CONFERENCE THAT THE ARTICLE IS SLANDEROUS. A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN REFUSED TO COMMENT, BUT SAID AN INQUIRY IS UNDER WAY.

THE VIENNA KURIER SAID THE RUSSIANS HAVE OPENLY ADMITTED THE TRIAL IS GOING TO BE A FARCE.

POWERS' GUILTY PLEA WAS DESCRIBED BY ANOTHER VIENNA NEWSPAPER, THE EXPRESS, AS A "SOVIET TRIUMPH AT MOSCOW SHOW TRIAL."

"IT NO LONGER REQUIRES TORTURE TO TURN A PRISONER AROUND," THE EXPRESS SAID. "IT TAKES ONLY 109 DAYS OF BRAIN WASHING. EVEN THE STRONGEST STAND IT ONLY A FEW DAYS."

ROME NEWSPAPERS DEVOTED HALF THEIR FRONT PAGES TO THE TRIAL. MOST OF THEM FEATURED POWERS' PLEA OF GUILTY. THE GIORNALE D'ITALIA SAID POWERS ANSWERED QUESTIONS IN A CLEAR, FIRM VOICE.

RADIO MOSCOW GAVE THE PITCH FOR THE COMMUNIST CONCERT ON THE TRIAL WITH A SERIES OF RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE BULLETINS HEAVILY LACED WITH PROPAGANDA.

POWERS WAS DENOUNCED AS "THE BONDMAN OF THE ROCKEFELLERS AND THE MORGANS, OF THOSE WHO TURN THE SORROW AND TEARS OF MOTHERS OF THE WORLD INTO STREAMS OF GOLD."

"NO, YOU ARE NOT THE SON OF A MAN OF LABOR, FRANCIS GARY POWERS. YOU ARE THE BONDMAN OF THE ROCKEFELLERS AND THE MORGANS."

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMENT IN SATELLITE NATIONS WAS A DECLARATION BY THE MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK NEWSPAPER RUDE PRAVO:

"WORLD PUBLIC OPINION IS UNANIMOUS IN WRATHFULLY DENOUNCING THE UNPRECENDENTED STAND TAKEN BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND SECRETARY OF STATE HERTER WHO, INSTEAD OF OFFERING THEIR APOLOGIES TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR THE PROVOCATION THEY STAGED, CYNICALLY LIFTED ESPIONAGE TO THE RANK OF STATE POLICY."

COMMUNIST EVENING PAPERS IN BUDAPEST AND WARSAW CARRIED LONG REPORTS OF THE TESTIMONY WITHOUT COMMENT. BUT THE WARSAW MORNING PAPER TRYBUNA LUDU, ORGAN OF THE POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY, SAID:

"THE IMPORTANCE OF THE POWERS TRIAL WILL BE BASED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ON DEMONSTRATING TO WORLD PUBLIC OPINION THE FATAL CONSEQUENCES TO WHICH THE POLICY OF COLD WAR CARRIED ON BY THE PRESENT RULING CIRCLES OF THE UNITED STATES MAY LEAD."

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TRIAL COLOR (440)

BY STANLEY JOHNSON

MOSCOW, AUG. 17 (AP)-MOSCOW'S GLITTERING HALL OF COLUMNS--THE ROOM WHERE LENIN AND LATER STALIN ONCE LAY IN STATE--WAS JAMMED TODAY FOR THE TRIAL OF U2 PILOT FRANCIS GARY POWERS.

TRIAL OFFICIALS, SPECTATORS AND A THRONG OF SOVIET TV, MOVIE AND STILL CAMERAMEN FILLED THE ROOM IN THE HOUSE OF THE UNION TWO BLOCKS FROM THE KREMLIN. THE AUDIENCE WAS MADE UP MOSTLY OF NOTABLES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNIST PARTY, WITH A SPRINKLING OF DIPLOMATS.

THE PILOT'S WIFE, MRS. BARBARA POWERS, WAS A CENTER OF ATTRACTION, AS SHE HAS BEEN SINCE HER ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW SUNDAY. SPECTATORS CRANED THEIR NECKS TO LOOK AT HER IN A REAR BOX, WHERE SHE SAT WITH HER HUSBAND'S PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. OLIVER W. POWERS. SHE DREW ALMOST AS MUCH ATTENTION AS HER PILOT-HUSBAND.

A DRENCHING RAIN KEPT CROWDS TO A MINIMUM AROUND THE HOUSE OF THE UNION BUT IT DID NOT DAMPEN PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE EVENT.

THERE WERE NO DIRECT RADIO OR TV TRANSMISSIONS FROM THE COURT ROOM BUT MOSCOW TV IN THE EVENING SHOWED FILM EXCERPTS OF ABOUT FIVE MINUTES EACH. RADIO MOSCOW BROADCAST TAPE RECORDINGS OF PART OF POWERS' TESTIMONY.

BOTH RADIO AND TV FEATURED HIS PLEA OF GUILTY, HIS HUMBLE FAMILY BACKGROUND AND HIS $30,000-A-YEAR SALARY.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA PUBLISHED ALMOST TWO PAGES OF TESTIMONY IN A FOUR-PAGE PAPER. IT ALSO FEATURED A PAGE ONE CARTOON AIMED AT DRIVING HOME THE POINT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO MAKE--THAT IT IS REALLY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND ITS POLICIES ON TRIAL, NOT JUST A SINGLE AIRMAN.

IZVESTIA'S CARTOON SHOWED PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND OTHER TOP AMERICAN OFFICIALS TRYING TO HIDE BEHIND A PILOT'S HELMET LABELLED U2.

MOSCOW RADIO BROADCASTS CLAIMED THE AUDIENCE WAS INDIGNANT AT POWERS' REVELATIONS AND SAID "FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO WHITEWASH POWERS AND HIS BLACK DEEDS."

IN THE HALL OF COLUMNS, FOREIGN NEWSMEN WORKED IN A NARROW GALLERY WHERE ONCE SERVANTS USED TO SIT TO WATCH NOBLEMEN CAVORTING ON THE FLOOR BELOW. THAT WAS WHEN THE BUILDING WAS A NOBLEMEN'S CLUB IN CZARIST TIMES.

THE NEWSMEN'S VIEW WAS HAMPERED BY THE FACT THAT ABOUT 12 OF THE 50 CRYSTAL AND GOLD CHANDELIERS IN THE MULTI-COLUMNED HALL WERE AT THEIR EYE LEVEL.

IMMEDIATELY OUTSIDE WERE 12 PHONE BOOTHS FOR NEWSMEN TO TELEPHONE THEIR REPORTS ABROAD. COMMUNICATION JAMS WERE HUGE BUT THE NEWS GOT OUT.

NEWSMEN FROM THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES WERE A BIG MAJORITY AND THEY HAD THEIR OWN SPECIAL FACILITIES.

AN ELABORATE BUFFET WAS SERVED. AN AREA ABOUT THE SIZE OF A HOTEL BANQUET HALL WAS STOCKED WITH THE CHOICEST FOOD INCLUDING CAVIAR AND CHAMPAGNE. THERE ALSO WERE BANANAS, WHICH RAN AMONG THE SCARCEST OF LUXURIES HERE.

WHEN MRS. BARBARA POWERS WENT TO THE BUFFET, DRY-EYED BUT OBVIOUSLY WORN BY GRIEF, THE WAITRESSES, GUARDS AND OTHERS PRESENT ALL STOPPED TO GET A GLIMPSE OF HER. THEY ADMIRED HER SIMPLE BLACK DRESS AND BLACK HAT. AND THERE WERE WHISPERED MURMURS OF SYMPATHY FOR THE ORDEAL THROUGH WHICH SHE IS GOING.

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LONDON, AUG. 17 (AP)-MARSHAL RODIN MALINOVSKY, SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER, CALLED ON SOVIET MILITARY FORCES TODAY TO INCREASE THEIR PREPAREDNESS AGAINST DELIBERATE PROVOCATION SUCH AS "THE AGGRESSIVE INTRUSION BY AMERICAN PLANES INTO SOVIET AIR SPACE."

MALINOVSKY, IN A STATEMENT FOR SOVIET AIR FORCE DAY, SAID THE INCREASED STRENGTH OF THE SOVIET BLOC GIVES REAL HOPE FOR AVOIDING WAR. HIS STATEMENT WAS BROADCAST BY MOSCOW RADIO.

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BONN, GERMANY, AUG. 17 (AP)-WEST GERMANY TOLD THE KREMLIN TODAY THE SOVIET UNION IS SOWING UNREST AND SHARPENING TENSIONS IN THE WORLD.

THE CHARGE WAS MADE IN A NOTE REJECTING A SOVIET COMPLAINT JULY 19 THAT WEST GERMANS WERE PREPARING FOR A WAR OF REVENGE THROUGH ARMING THEMSELVES WITH NUCLEAR MISSILES.

THE THREATENING TONE OF THE SOVIET NOTE, PLUS OTHER RECENT EVENTS, INDICATED THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IS PRIMARILY AIMING "AT SOWING UNREST AND SHARPENING EXISTING TENSIONS," THE GERMAN LETTER STATED.

IT CITED THE BREAKUP OF THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN MAY, THE COLLAPSE OF THE GENEVA DISARMAMENT TALKS AND SOVIET ACCUSATIONS AGAINST WESTERNERS IN THE CONGO.

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(270) RUSSIA-CHINA

WASHINGTON, AUG. 17 (AP)-TWO MAGAZINES PUBLISHED IN THE SOVIET UNION WITH THE COOPERATION OF COMMUNIST CHINA HAVE FAILED TO APPEAR IN RECENT WEEKS, A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REPORTED TODAY.

PRESS OFFICER LINCOLN WHITE SAID IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THERE WAS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE "CESSATION OF PUBLICATION" OF THE MAGAZINES AND REPORTED DEPARTURE OF SOVIET TECHNICIANS FROM COMMUNIST CHINA.

THE WITHDRAWAL OF TECHNICIANS AND THE MAGAZINE INCIDENT ARE BEING CITED IN SOME QUARTERS HERE AS EVIDENCE OF WORSENING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE WORLD'S TWO MAJOR COMMUNIST POWERS. MOSCOW AND PEIPING HAVE BEEN INVOLVED FOR MANY MONTHS IN A PHILOSOPHICAL ARGUMENT OVER WHAT ATTITUDES THEY SHOULD TAKE TOWARD THE OUTSIDE WORLD GENERALLY AND THE UNITED STATES IN PARTICULAR.

IN ESSENCE, SOVIET PREMIER NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV HAS INSISTED THAT IN THE AGE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS THE PRNCIPLE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE--MEANING CONFLICT SHORT OF WAR WITH NON-COMMUNIST NATIONS--MUST BE THE BASIS OF COMMUNIST BLOC FOREIGN POLICY.

RED CHINESE LEADER MAO TSE TUNG HAS STUCK TO THE TRADITIONAL MARXIST VIEW THAT WAR BETWEEN COMMUNIST AND CAPITALIST STATES IS INEVITABLE.

WHITE SAID THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE "FRIENDSHIP" HAD NOT APPEARED SINCE JUNE AND THAT A WEEKLY MAGAZINE "CHINA" HAD NOT APPEARED IN RECENT WEEKS.

THE TWO HAVE BEEN ISSUED COOPERATIVELY IN THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE. WHITE SAID IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT WHETHER THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT OR THE RED CHINESE GOVERNMENT STOPPED THE PUBLICATIONS.

ASKED WHETHER THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD INFORMATION IN LINE WITH NEWS REPORTS OF SOVIET TECHNICIANS LEAVING COMMUNIST CHINA, WHITE WOULD SAY ONLY THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NO REPRESENTATIVES IN RED CHINA SINCE IT HAS NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THAT COUNTRY.

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NIGHT LEAD DISARMAMENT (360)

BY MILTON BESSER

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., AUG. 17 (AP)-THE UNITED STATES DECLARED TODAY ITS NEWEST DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS ARE AIMED AT COMPLETE SHUTDOWN OF ALL PLANTS MANUFACTURING FISSIONABLE MATERIALS FOR WEAPONS OF WAR.

U.S. AMBASSADOR HENRY CABOT LODGE MADE THE STATEMENT IN REBUKING CUBA'S PERMANENT U.N. REPRESENTATIVE FOR TELLING THE 82-NATION DISARMAMENT COMMISSION YESTERDAY THE U.S. PROPOSAL IMPLIED AN INVITATION FOR FUTURE MANUFACTURE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

LODGE DID NOT MENTION AMBASSADOR MANUEL BISBE OR CUBA BY NAME, BUT MERELY NOTED THAT A U.N. MEMBER MADE THE STATEMENT.

HE SAID THE STATEMENT "REPRESENTS SUCH A FUNDAMENTAL MISCONCEPTION OF THE NEW U.S. PROPOSALS" THAT CLARIFICATION WAS NECESSARY.

THE UNITED STATES OFFERED YESTERDAY TO SET ASIDE 33 TONS OF U-235 FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES IF THE SOVIET UNION WOULD DO LIKEWISE. IF THAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE THE UNITED STATES SAID IT IS READY TO JOIN WITH THE SOVIET UNION IN A ONE-FOR-ONE SHUTDOWN OF ALL MAJOR PLANTS PRODUCING FISSIONABLE MATERIALS FOR WEAPONS USE.

BISBE SAID THE PROPOSALS "IMPLY PRIMARILY AN INVITATION FOR FUTURE MANUFACTURE OF NUCLEAR AND THERMONUCLEAR WEAPONS. WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT, THEY DO NOT IMPLY THE DESTRUCTION OF STOCKPILES AT PRESENT EXISTING."

LODGE COMMENTED THAT UNDER THE U.S. PLAN ALL FUTURE MANUFACTURE OF FISSIONABLE MATERIALS WOULD BE DEVOTED TO PEACEFUL USES, AND ALL PLANTS MANUFACTURING SUCH MATERIALS FOR WEAPONS WOULD BE CLOSED DOWN.

HE ADDED THAT, SINCE THE TRANSFER OF THE 33 TONS OF U-235 WOULD COME FROM PRESENT WEAPONS STOCKPILES, THE DIRECT AND IMMEDIATE RESULT WOULD BE "THE DISMANTLING OF A SIZEABLE NUMBER OF PRESENTLY EXISTING WEAPONS."

AS THE DISARMAMENT DEBATE CONTINUED FOR THE SECOND DAY, SIX NATIONS JOINED IN PRESENTING A RESOLUTION THAT NOTED WITH REGRET THE COLLAPSE OF THE 10-NATION EAST-WEST TALKS IN GENEVA IN JUNE.

THE RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE THE COMMISSION DECLARE THE NECESSITY FOR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL, AND RECOMMED THAT THEGENERAL

UNDER EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL, AND RECOMMEND THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENING SEPT. 20 GIVE THE QUESTION ITS EARNEST CONSIDERATION.

THE RESOLUTION OMITTED ANY MENTION OF REVIVING THE 10-NATION TALKS. THIS WAS DONE TO AVOID A NO VOTE FROM THE SOVIET BLOC, WHICH OPPOSED ANY MOVE TO REVIVE THE 10-NATION COMMITTEE, AND WANTS DEBATE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY--PREFERABLY WITH HEADS OF STATES TAKING PART.

SPONSORS OF THE RESOLUTION ARE ECUADOR, INDIA, MEXICO, SWEDEN, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC AND YUGOSLAVIA.

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FIRST LEAD NUCLEAR (A32) (240)

BY ARTHUR GAVSHON

LONDON, AUG. 17 (AP)-THE UNITED STATES TODAY WON BRITISH SUPPORT FOR STAGING A RESEARCH PROGRAM OF UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS--WITH OR WITHOUT SOVIET PARTICIPATION.

THIS WAS PART OF A NEW BRITISH-AMERICAN TACTICAL PLAN AIMED AT ENDING THE STALEMATE IN THE GENEVA TALKS WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS.

THE PURPOSE OF THE NEW MOVES, ONE OFFICIAL SAID, IS TO FORCE RUSSIA "TO FISH OR CUT BAIT" IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

EFFECT OF THE BRITISH-AMERICAN DECISION COULD BE FAR-REACHING.

RUSSIA HAS DEMANDED WHAT IT CALLED SAFEGUARDS AGAINST CHEATING

DURING AMERICA'S PROJECTED SERIES OF 11 SUB-SURFACE NUCLEAR TEST-BLAST. THESE BLASTS ARE DESIGNED TO IMPROVE METHODS OF POLICING ANY AGREED BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS.

AMONG THE SAFEGUARDS ASKED BY RUSSIA IS THE RIGHT TO INSPECT THE ACTUAL EXPLOSIVE DEVICE TO INSURE THAT SOME NEW NUCLEAR WEAPON IS NOT BEING USED.

BUT THE AMERICANS, NOW SUPPORTED BY BRITAIN, ARE READY TO REJECT THIS DEMAND.

FOR ONE THING IT WOULD REQUIRE AMENDING OR WAIVING THE U.S. ATOMIC SECRETS ACT. ONLY CONGRESS COULD DO THAT AND INFORMANTS SAID THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION IS DEFINITELY AGAINST ASKING CONGRESS TO TAKE SUCH A STEP.

FOR ANOTHER THING THE UNITED STATES SUSPECTS THE RUSSIANS ARE STALLING BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT SO LONG AS THE GENEVA TALKS LIMP ON, THE NUCLEAR POWERS WILL RESPECT THE EXISTING UNCONTROLLED MORATORIUM ON TESTS. AND THIS, THE AMERICANS FIGURE, WORKS TO RUSSIA'S MILITARY ADVANTAGE BECAUSE IT CURBS PROGRESS ON NEW NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

IN HIGH LEVEL EXCHANGES RESULTING IN THE U.S.-BRITISH PLAN, THE AMERICAN POSITION WAS OUTLINED HERE BY ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN JOHN A. MCCONE AND UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE LIVINGSTON T. MERCHANT.

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TARGET PLANS

WASHINGTON, AUG. 17 (AP)-THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF A CENTRAL AGENCY TO SELECT TARGETS AND SPECIFY THE WEAPONS TO BE USED AGAINST THEM IF THERE IS AN ALL-OUT NUCLEAR WAR.

DEFENSE SECRETARY THOMAS S. GATES ASSIGNED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVER-ALL TARGET PLANNING TO GEN. THOMAS S. POWER, STRATEGIC AIR COMMANDER AND SAID THE REVISED AND UNIFIED SELECTION OF TARGETS MARKED FOR NUCLEAR DESTRUCTION SHOULD BE READY FOR APPROVAL BY THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF BY DECEMBER.

GATES TOLD REPORTERS THE DECISION TO CENTRALIZE STRATEGIC TARGET PLANNING REJECTED THE CONCEPT OF A SEPARATE STRATEGIC FORCE TO EXERCISE DIRECT OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF ALL INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILES, BOMBERS AND SUCH NEW SYSTEMS AS THE NAVY'S POLARIS MISSILE LAUNCHING SUBMARINES.

GATES SAID HE CONSIDERED HIS DECISION "THE MOST IMPORTANT" HE HAD MADE IN HIS SEVEN YEARS IN THE PENTAGON.

GATES AND GEN. NATHAN F. TWINING, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS, MET WITH REPORTERS AFTER HE HAD ANNOUNCED HIS DECISION AND DISCUSSED MILITARY READINESS PROBLEMS WITH THE EIGHT MILITARY COMMANDERS INVOLVED IN THE NATION'S GLOBAL DEFENSE COMMITMENT.

GATES SAID HIS DECISION WOULD CENTRALIZE PLANNING FOR ALL-OUT NUCLEAR WARFARE BUT WOULD DECENTRALIZE THE ACTUAL EXECUTION OF THE PLANS BY THE VARIOUS SENIOR COMMANDERS.

HE SAID THE PLAN RATIONALIZED DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AS TO HOW BEST TO COPE WITH THE FAST APPROACHING TIME WHEN THE UNITED STATES RETALIATORY FORCE WOULD BE A COMPLICATED MIXTURE OF LAND-BASED BALLISTIC MISSILES, MANNED BOMBERS AND MISSILE-LAUNCHING SUBMARINES.

GATES SAID THAT GEN. POWER WOULD CONTINUE AS STRATEGIC AIR COMMANDER AND WOULD HAVE AS A DEPUTY A THREE-STAR OFFICER OF ANOTHER SERVICE, PROBABLY FROM THE NAVY. POWER WILL ORGANIZE A STAFF OF ABOUT 40 TOP SPECIALISTS TO DEVELOP A LONG-RANGE TARGET PROGRAM THAT WILL BE UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW.

GATES EMPHASIZED THAT THIS PLAN IS STRICTLY A UNITED STATES WAR PLAN TO PREDETERMINE PRECISELY WHAT ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN ON THE BASIS OF A MAXIMUM 15-MINUTE WARNING OF ATTACK BY ENEMY INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILES. THE SECRETARY SAID THE PLAN "DOES NOT REPRESENT ANY CHANGE IN THE ESTABLISHED NATIONAL MILITARY POLICY OR IN OUR RELATIONS WITH OUR ALLIES."

HE AND TWINING SAID THAT THE ALLIES NOW KNOW THE AMERICAN PLAN AND THAT WHEN THE NEW ONE IS WORKED OUT ANY PORTION OF IT AFFECTING ALLIED PREPARATIONS OR INTENTIONS WILL BE FULLY EXPLAINED.

GATES SAID THAT IT HAD TAKEN HIM AND GEN. TWINING EXACTLY ONE YEAR TO REACH THE STRATEGIC TARGET DECISION.

SOME AIR FORCE QUARTERS HAVE LONG BEEN ADVOCATING A SEPARATE AND OVER-ALL STRATEGIC COMMAND TO CONTROL LONG-RANGE WEAPONS OF ALL THE SERVICES. THE NAVY IS KNOWN TO HAVE OPPOSED THIS CONCEPT.

GATES EXPLAINED THAT THE MILITARY COMMANDERS OF ALL SERVICES NOW POSSESSING OR LIKELY TO GET STRATEGIC WEAPONS WILL BE REPRESENTED IN THE TARGET PLANNING TO BE CONDUCTED AT STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND HEADQUARTERS AT OMAHA, NEB.

THE SECRETARY SAID HIS DECISION HAD THE UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND THAT THE COMMANDERS ATTENDING TODAY'S PENTAGON SESSION HAD LIKEWISE APPROVED AND PROMISED THEIR SUPPORT.

TWINING AND GATES EMPHASIZED THAT THE CURRENT STRATEGIC TARGET PLAN IS A GOOD ONE BUT NOTED THAT IT IS BASED LARGELY ON THE STRATEGIC AIR COMMANDS MANNED BOMBER FORCE CAPABILITIES.

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NIGHT LEAD EISENHOWER
BY DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

WASHINGTON, AUG. 17 (AP)-PRESIDENT EISENHOWER GENTLY PRODDED CONGRESS TODAY TO PACK "A LOT OF ACTION" INTO ITS SHORT ELECTION YEAR SESSION.

THERE ISN'T ANY REASON IT CAN'T, EISENHOWER TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE, WHEN IT PASSED 436 BILLS IN TWO WEEKS LAST YEAR.

THE PRESIDENT WAS PRETTY MILD ABOUT NUDGING THE DEMOCRATIC CONTROLLED CONGRESS--NO REAL, HARD JABS FROM A MAN WHO NOW IS READY TO TAKE A MORE PASSIVE, DETACHED ROLE IN POLITICS.

BUT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE DIED BRISTLE AT RUSSIA, AND AT THE IDEA THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS BLUNDERED IN HANDLING THE CUBAN PROBLEM.

QUESTIONS PEGGED TO THE SOVIET TRIAL OF U2 PILOT FRANCIS GARY POWERS MARKED THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE NEWS CONFERENCE.

EISENHOWER SAID HE DIDN'T REGARD POWERS' CONFESSION OF ESPIONAGE ON A FLIGHT OVER RUSSIA LAST MAY AS EVIDENCE THAT HE HAS BEEN BRAINWASHED. BUT HE DID PROTEST THAT POWERS WAS DEPRIVED OF THE RIGHT TO CONSULT WITH U.S. OFFICIALS IN MOSCOW AND TO CHOOSE HIS OWN LAWYER--A RIGHT ESTABLISHED BY INTERNATIONAL USAGE AND CUSTOM.

AS FOR RUSSIA'S PROPAGANDA LINE THAT THE UNITED STATES ITSELF IS ON TRIAL ALONG WITH POWERS, EISENHOWER INDIGNANTLY CALLED THIS A DISTORTION OF FACT.

DECLARING THE RUSSIANS HAVE NO CASE WHATSOEVER, EISENHOWER SAID THAT "THE NUMBER OF SPIES THAT WE HAVE CAUGHT," AND CASES OF BRIBERY AND SUBVERSION PROVED ALL OVER THE WORLD, "JUST DENIES ANY VALIDITY WHATSOEVER TO THIS KIND OF CHARGE."

EISENHOWER SHOWED SIGNS OF IRRITATION, TOO, WHEN SARAH MCCLENDON OF THE MANCHESTER (N.H.) UNION LEADER REFERRED TO "ACTIONS AND POLICY IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON THE THINGS THAT BROUGHT ABOUT THE COMMUNIST ENCROACHMENT IN CUBA." SHE ASKED EISENHOWER WHETHER HE WOULD TELL US WHO WERE MAKING THE MISTAKES."

THE PRESIDENT SAID HE HAD HEARD OF NO CIRCUMSTANCES TO JUSTIFY SUCH AN INQUIRY. AND HE ADDED CRISPLY:

"AND I KNOW OF NO BLUNDER IN WHICH I CAN ATTACH BLAME TO ANYONE FOR...AND I DON'T KNOW OF ANY REASON FOR APOLOGIZING FOR WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST."

AS FOR THE SITUATION IN CONGRESS, EISENHOWER TOOK A TRANQUIL APPROACH.

DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS ON CAPITOL HILL HAVE BEEN SHAKING FINGERS AT ONE ANOTHER AND TRADING ACCUSATIONS OF DELAYING VITAL LEGISLATION.

BUT EISENHOWER WASN'T READY TO TIE A "DO-LITTLE" TAG TO CONGRESS. HE SAID HE HADN'T EVEN HEARD THE TERM UNTIL A REPORTER TOLD HIM OF AN IMPRESSION THAT REPUBLICANS WILL TRY TO PUT THAT LABEL ON THE LAW-MAKING ACTIVITIES IN THE PRE-ELECTION SHORT SESSION.

"IF WE ARE THINKING OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NOT JUST OF POLITICAL

MANEUVERING," HE SAID, "WHY, THERE CAN BE DONE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, AND THEN IF THE VOTERS ARE DISSATISFIED WITH EITHER SIDE, WHY, THEY CAN MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN."

IF THAT LATTER WAS SOMETHING OF A CHALLENGE, SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER LYNDON B. JOHNSON HAD ACCEPTED IT IN ADVANCE.

"I'M WILLING," HE SAID PRIOR TO THE NEWS CONFERENCE, "TO LET THE PEOPLE JUDGE WHETHER THIS SESSION IS PRODUCTIVE OR NOT, AND WHO IS CAUSING THE DELAYS."

EISENHOWER SAID HE HAS SET NO PRIORITY FOR ITEMS IN A 21-POINT PROGRAM HE HAD PUT BEFORE CONGRESS. BUT HE DID SAY HE THINKS "SOMETHING OUGHT TO BE DONE NOW" ON MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR THE ELDERLY, BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE ARE TRULY IN NEED OF IT.

THAT WAS BY WAY OF TURNING DOWN, GENTLY AGAIN, A SUGGESTION THAT THE WHOLE PROBLEM BE STUDIED AND BROUGHT BACK BEFORE CONGRESS NEXT YEAR WHEN THERE ARE NO PRESIDENTIAL OR CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS. THE PROPOSAL CAME FROM MARION FOLSOM, FORMER SENRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE.

IN MUSING FASHION, EISENHOWER REMARKED THAT PEOPLE SAY IT IS EITHER AN ELECTION YEAR OR NOT AN ELECTION YEAR, AND:

"EITHER ONE SEEMS TO BE A GOOD EXCUSE FOR NOT DOING ANYTHING."

EISENHOWER SAID HE IS AGAINST COMPULSORY MEDICINE AND FOR A PLAN THAT WILL TRULY HELP THE AGED--ONE INDIVIDUALS CAN ACCEPT FREELY IF THEY WISH--EVEN IF IT COSTS THE TREASURY A BIT MORE MONEY.

"BUT AFTER ALL," HE SAID, "THE PRICE OF FREEDOM IS NOT ALWAYS MEASURED JUST IN DOLLARS."

THE ADMINISTRATION, THE HOUSE, AND THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAVE PLUMPED FOR VARYING VERSIONS OF A PROGRAM THAT WOULD SPLIT COSTS OF A MEDICAL AID PLAN BETWEEN THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS. THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE, SEN. JOHN F. KENNEDY OF MASSACHUSETTS, AND A BAND OF FOLLOWERS IS BATTLING TO FINANCE THE PROGRAM THROUGH THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM OF TAXES ON EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYES.

WHILE THE MEDICAL CARE ISSUE IS ENTANGLED IN POLITICS, EISENHOWER IS CLASSIFYING HIMSELF AS "JUST A SPECTATOR, IN A WAY," IN THE 1960 CAMPAIGN. BUT HE DID SAY HE IS GOING TO DO WHATEVER HE CAN TO ELECT VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND HENRY CABOT LODGE TO NIXON'S PRESENT JOB--"YOU CAN BET ON THAT."

EISENHOWER SAID THAT WHAT HE CALLED ONE PERFORMANCE IN WHICH HE WILL MAKE A POLITICAL SPEECH ALREADY HAS BEEN SET UP. HE HINTED AT OTHERS. BUT HE PROVIDED NOT DETAILS.

THEN, ON OTHER TOPICS, HE HAD THIS TO SAY:

CONGO--IN A COUNTRY IN WHICH UNITED NATIONS PERSONNEL WERE ARRESTED AND THEN RELEASED, EISENHOWER SAID CONDITIONS ARE DEPLORABLE AND MANY ACTIONS SEEM TO BE TAKEN IMPULSIVELY. BUT HE SAID HE THINKS THE RECORD OF THE U. N. "GIVES A GREAT DEAL OF PROMISE THAT IT CAN CONTINUE TO HANDLE MATTERS LIKE THIS EXPEDITIOUSLY."

LATIN AMERICAN AID--UNLIKE THE MARSHALL PLAN TO HELP RESTORE THE INDUSTRIAL FABRIC IN WESTERN EUROPE AFTER THE WARY, EISENHOWER SAID A PROGRAM TO HELP PEOPLE RAISE LIVING STANDARDS HAS NO FORESEEABLE END. THIS, HE SAID, IS SOMETHING FOR A FAMILY OF NATIONS TO HANDLE. IF THE NEEDS ARE MET COOPERATIVELY "WE WILL GET SOMEWHERE," HE PREDICTED.

NATIONAL ECONOMY--EISENHOWER STOOD BY A STATEMENT OF LAST WEEK THAT THE ECONOMY IS COMING ALONG NICELY. A MAN ALWAYS CAN MISSPEAK A BIT, HE SAID BUT "I DON'T ADMIT I MADE ANY ERROR." THAT WAS IN RESPONSE TO REPORTER WHO CITED EISENHOWER FIGURES ON RETAIL SALES, EMPLOYMENT AND HOME BUILDING AND CHALLENGING STATISTICS OFFERED BY NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE.

THE PRESIDENT SAID THE QUARREL WAS BETWEEN NEWSWEEK AND HIS COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS AND SUGGESTED HIS QUESTIONER TAKE HIS QUESTION TO THEM.

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KIEL, GERMANY, AUG. 17 (AP)-DR. WERNER CATEL, HEAD OF KIEL UNIVERSITY CLINIC, CANNOT BE PROSECUTED ON EUTHANASIA CHARGES BASED ON THE COMPLAINT OF A NEW YORK DOCTOR.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF THE STATE OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN.

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DR. RUDOLF DECKWITZ, A PHYSICIAN NOW LIVING IN NEW YORK, HAD ASKED THE STATE LEGAL AUTHORITIES TO TRY CATEL ON A CHARGE OF TAKING PART IN THE NAZIS' EUTHANASIA PROGRAM, THE PROSECUTION OFFICE SAID. THOUSANDS WERE KILLED IN HOSPITALS AND MENTAL HOMES AS UNDESIRABLES DURING THE LAST YEARS OF THE NAZI REGIME IN GERMANY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PROSECUTOR EXPLAINED THAT CATEL COULD NOT BE TRIED BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN CLEARED BY A DENAZIFICATION COURT IN 1947 AND IN 1949 FROM CHARGES OF TAKING PART IN THE EUTHANASIA PROGRAM.

HE SAID THE CHARGES AGAINST CATEL ALLEGED THAT HE, AS A MEMBER OF A THREE-MAN EXPERTS COMMITTEE AT LEIPZIG, SIGNED REPORTS ON MENTALLY SICK CHILDREN WHICH SERVED AS A BASIS FOR THE NAZIS' APPLICATION OF EUTHANASIA IN SEVERAL CASES.

IN 1949 A COURT REJECTED CATEL'S PROCESECUTION BECAUSE CATEL HAD HAD NO SHARE IN THE CONSEQUENCES THAT RESULTED FROM MEDICAL REPORTS HE HAD SIGNED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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